

National Memorial Day Quiz

1. When is National Memorial Day observed in the United States?

- ☐ a) First Monday of May
- ☐ b) Last Sunday of May
- ☐ c) Last Monday of May
- ☐ d) First Sunday of June

(Answer: c) Last Monday of May)

2. What is the main purpose of National Memorial Day?

- ☐ a) To honor living veterans
- ☐ b) To celebrate the end of war
- ☐ c) To remember soldiers who died in service
- ☐ d) To recognize peace treaties

(Answer: c) To remember soldiers who died in service)

3. What was Memorial Day originally known as?

- ☐ a) Patriot Day
- ☐ b) Decoration Day
- ☐ c) Honor Day
- ☐ d) Remembrance Day

(Answer: b) Decoration Day)

4. In which year was Memorial Day officially declared a federal holiday?

- ☐ a) 1968
- ☐ b) 1971
- ☐ c) 1945
- ☐ d) 1950

(Answer: b) 1971)

5. Which war initially inspired the observance of Memorial Day?

- ☐ a) World War I
- ☐ b) American Revolutionary War
- ☐ c) American Civil War
- ☐ d) War of 1812

(Answer: c) American Civil War)

6. Which flower is traditionally worn on Memorial Day?

- ☐ a) Rose
- ☐ b) Lily
- ☐ c) Poppy

☐ d) Daisy
(Answer: c) Poppy)

7. Who is credited with founding the first widely recognized Memorial Day observance?

- ☐ a) Abraham Lincoln
 - ☐ b) Mary Surratt
 - ☐ c) General John A. Logan
 - ☐ d) Frederick Douglass
- (Answer: c) General John A. Logan)

8. What time is the National Moment of Remembrance on Memorial Day?

- ☐ a) 12:00 PM
 - ☐ b) 3:00 PM
 - ☐ c) 6:00 PM
 - ☐ d) 9:00 AM
- (Answer: b) 3:00 PM)

9. Which city is officially recognized as the birthplace of Memorial Day?

- ☐ a) Gettysburg, PA
 - ☐ b) Charleston, SC
 - ☐ c) Waterloo, NY
 - ☐ d) Richmond, VA
- (Answer: c) Waterloo, NY)

10. Which U.S. military cemetery is most commonly associated with Memorial Day ceremonies?

- ☐ a) Normandy American Cemetery
 - ☐ b) Fort Snelling National Cemetery
 - ☐ c) Arlington National Cemetery
 - ☐ d) Golden Gate National Cemetery
- (Answer: c) Arlington National Cemetery)

11. What is often placed on graves during Memorial Day?

- ☐ a) Flags and wreaths
 - ☐ b) Lanterns
 - ☐ c) Candles
 - ☐ d) Statues
- (Answer: a) Flags and wreaths)

12. Memorial Day is part of which unofficial holiday weekend in the U.S.?

- ☐ a) Summer kickoff
 - ☐ b) Veterans Weekend
 - ☐ c) Winter sendoff
 - ☐ d) Independence Weekend
- (Answer: a) Summer kickoff)

13. Which U.S. President signed the bill making Memorial Day part of the Uniform Monday Holiday Act?

- ☐ a) Dwight D. Eisenhower
- ☐ b) Richard Nixon
- ☐ c) Lyndon B. Johnson
- ☐ d) John F. Kennedy

(Answer: b) Richard Nixon)

14. What is traditionally performed at military cemeteries on Memorial Day?

- ☐ a) Twenty-one gun salute
- ☐ b) Bell ringing
- ☐ c) Flag raising
- ☐ d) Fireworks

(Answer: a) Twenty-one gun salute)

15. What is the difference between Memorial Day and Veterans Day?

- ☐ a) Memorial Day honors all veterans
- ☐ b) Memorial Day honors those currently serving
- ☐ c) Memorial Day honors the dead; Veterans Day honors all who served
- ☐ d) There is no difference

(Answer: c) Memorial Day honors the dead; Veterans Day honors all who served)

