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Memorial Day

PreK-6th

Grade Range

What Does This Pack Include?

This pack has been created by teachers, for teachers. In it you'll find high quality teaching resources to support your teaching on Memorial Day. To go directly to the content, simply click on the title in the index below:

CRITICAL THINKING QUESTIONS:	
Grades 3-6	Pre-K – Grade 2
Discuss how we can honor the people who served in the military.	Discuss why Memorial Day is an important holiday.

FACT SHEETS	
Grades 3-6	Pre-K – Grade 2
Discover when Memorial Day takes place and learn why it's marked as a national holiday.	Explore Memorial Day and what it was previously known as.

ACTIVITY SHEETS	
Grades 3-6	Pre-K – Grade 2
Students are to learn what a tradition is, and write down why they think Memorial Day is a tradition.	Students are to write down why they think people visit the graves of people who fought for our country on Memorial Day.

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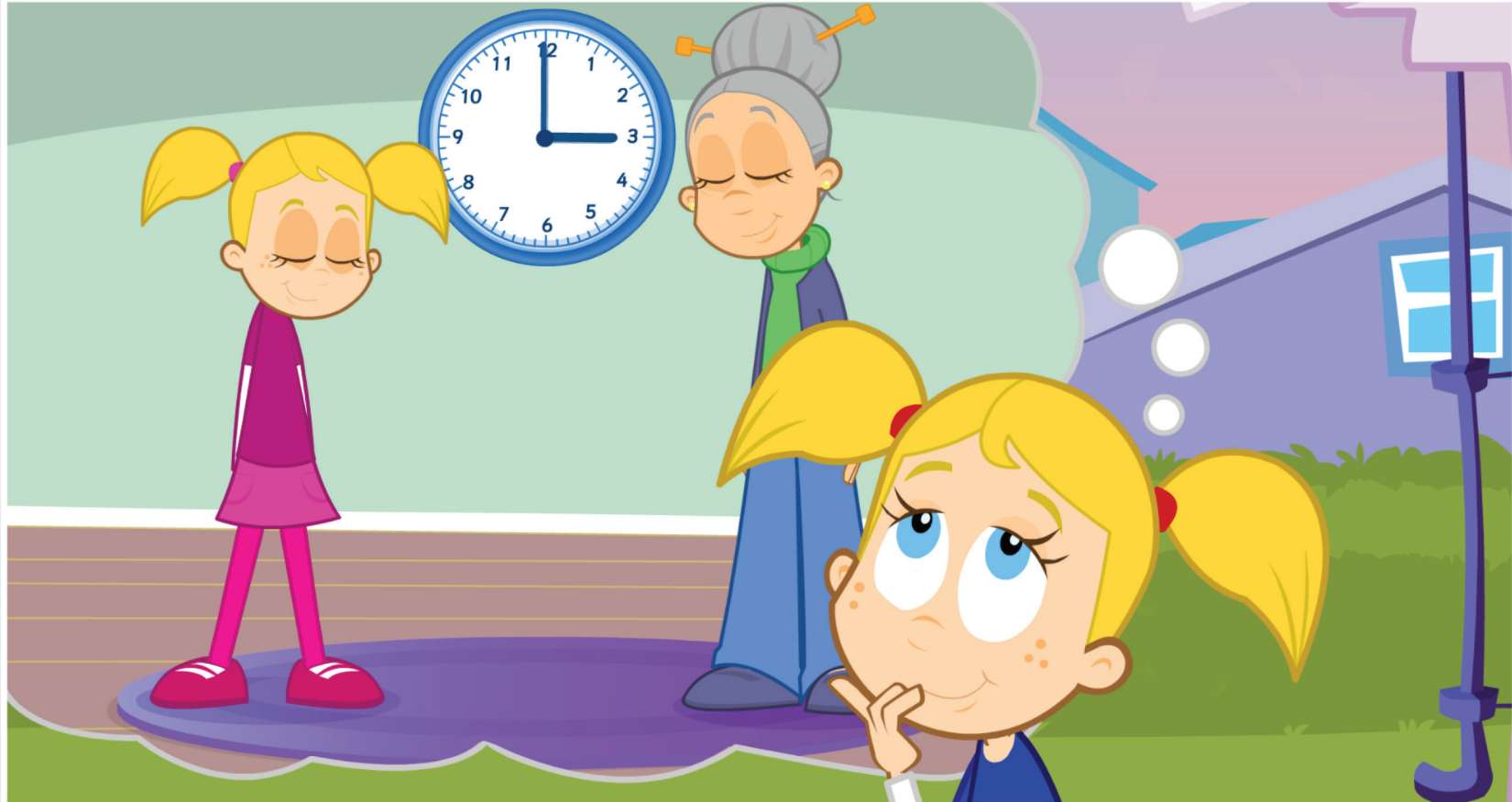
Critical Thinking Question

Granny and I always fly the U.S. flag on **Memorial Day**. We fly it at half-staff until noon, then raise it to the top of the staff until sunset.



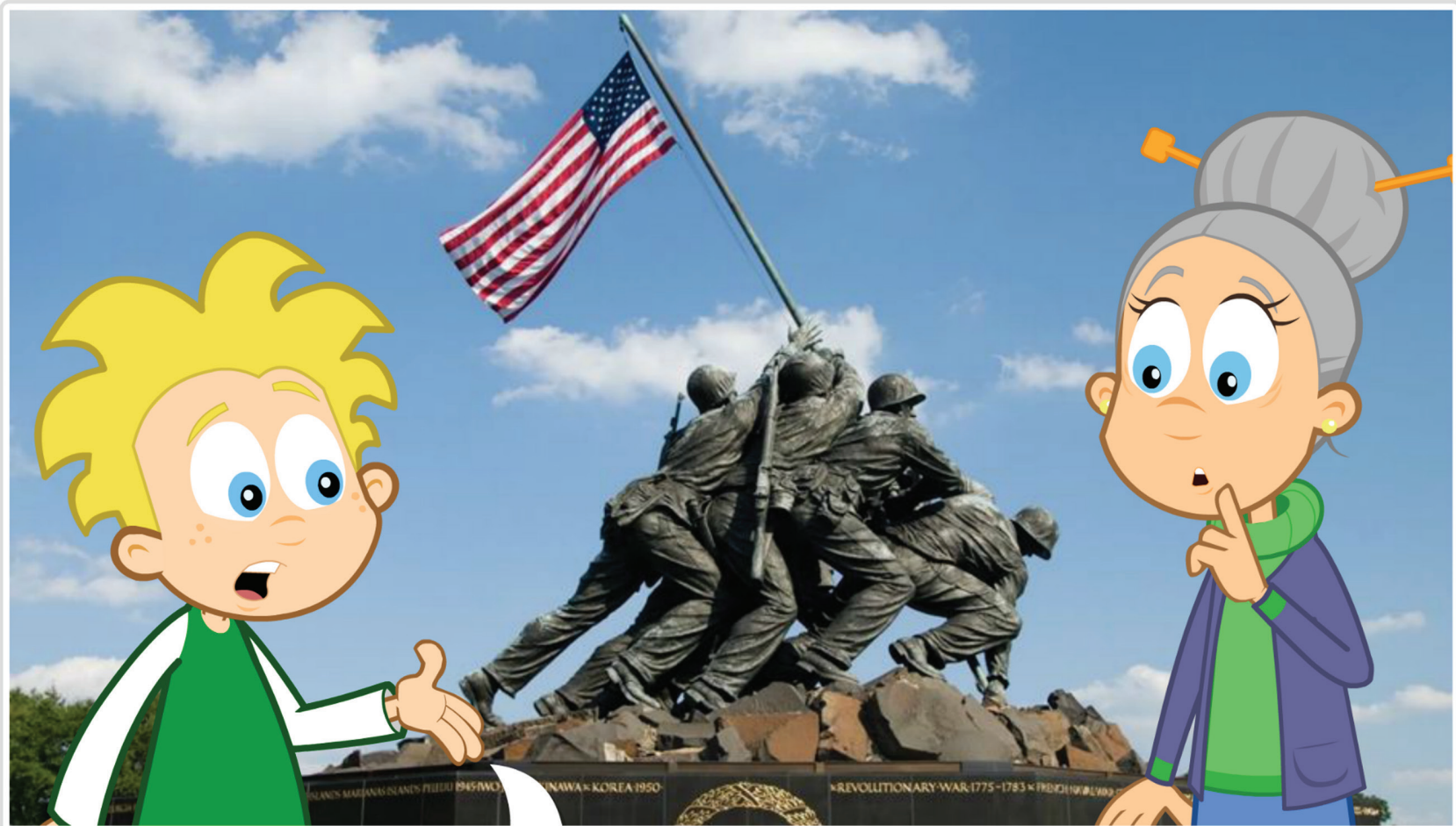
What are some other things we can do to honor the people who served in the military?

We can have a minute of silence at 3:00 p.m.



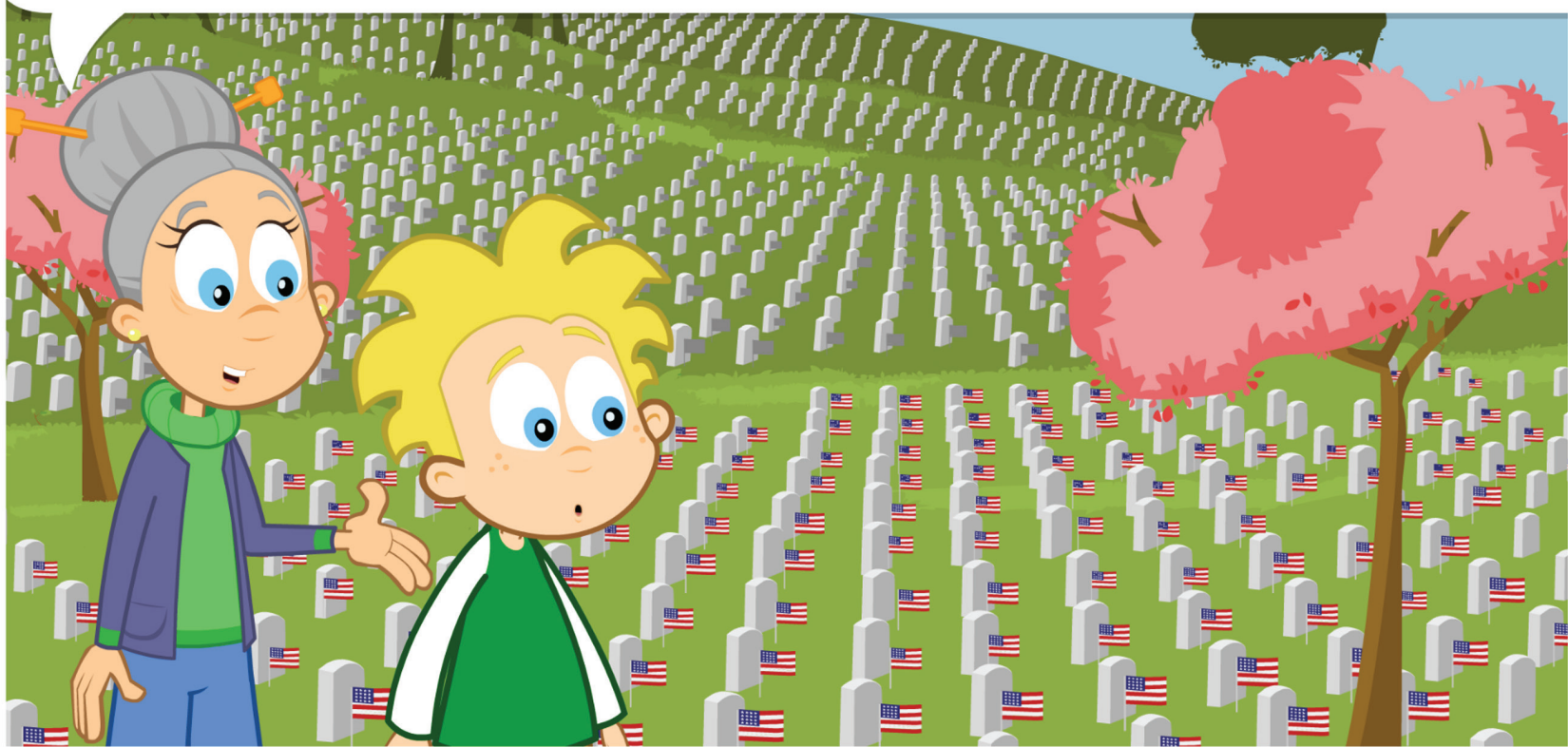
What ideas did you think of?

Critical Thinking Question



Why is **Memorial Day**
an important holiday?

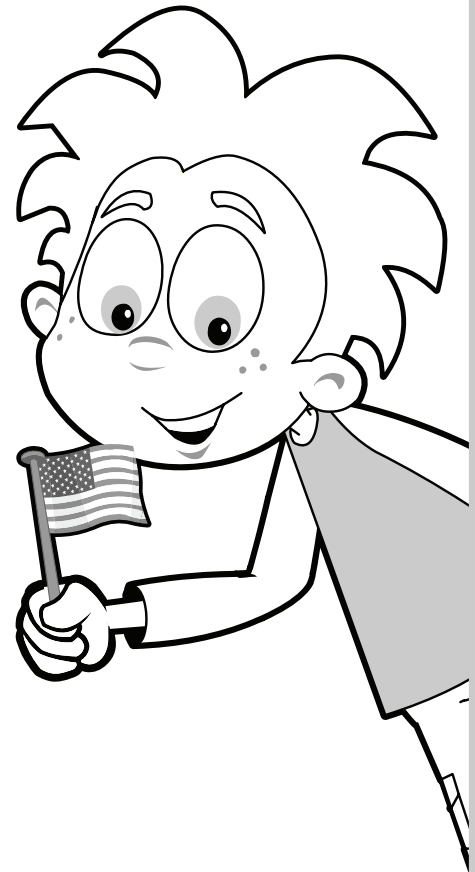
It's a time to remember all the men and women
who died fighting for our country.



**Did you know that people who served in
the armed forces are called veterans?**



- Memorial Day is a national holiday. It is a time to remember those who have died serving our country. The event is marked on the last Monday in May.
- In the past, Memorial Day was called “Decoration Day” because people would decorate the graves of soldiers.
- Red poppies are flowers that are often sold on Memorial Day to raise money for veterans and their families.
- On Memorial Day, the president or vice president lays a wreath at Arlington National Cemetery, where many U.S. soldiers are buried.



Ideas for Observing Memorial Day

- Have a minute of silence at 3:00 p.m.
- Attend or participate in a parade.
- Place decorations on soldiers' graves.
- Visit a war memorial.
- Fly a United States flag, and leave it at half-staff until noon.
- Talk with a parent or other trusted adult about what Memorial Day means to them.





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- Since ancient times, people have decorated soldiers' graves, but after the many deaths during the Civil War, it became important to more people to remember the lives lost.

- The name "Memorial Day" was first used in 1882. Before that, the day was called "Decoration Day." In 1967, the U.S. government officially changed the name to "Memorial Day."

- In 1971, Memorial Day was declared a national holiday.

- The red poppy is known as the "Flower of Remembrance," and they are often sold on Memorial Day to raise money for veterans and their families.

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Name: _____ Class: _____

On Memorial Day, many Americans visit the graves of people who have died fighting for our country.
Why do you think we do this?







Name: _____ Class: _____

A tradition is something that has been done by a group of people over a long period of time. In the United States, it is a tradition to place American flags on the graves of soldiers on Memorial Day.

Why do you think we have this tradition?



Multiple horizontal lines for writing the answer to the question.



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