

Celebrating
Veteran's
Day

11 November

Standard of Learning Enrichment

Educational Enrichment for Young Patriots



WHY ARE WE DOING THIS?

Upon completion of this enrichment you will meet (and hopefully exceed) the requirements for the History and Social Science Standards of Learning for Virginia Public Schools, adopted in January 2008, by the Board of Education of the Commonwealth of Virginia. Specifically, you will:

Civics

3.11 Explain the importance of the basic principles that form the foundation of a republican form of government by

c) recognizing that Veterans Day and Memorial Day honor people who have served to protect the country's freedoms,

d) describing how people can serve the community, state, and nation

The History of Veteran's Day

On the eleventh hour, of the eleventh day, of the eleventh month, World War I ended and the fighting stopped in 1918 between the Allied nations and Germany. What day was that on?

For that reason we celebrate Veteran's Day on 11 November.

"The Great War" officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on 28 June 1919, in the Palace of Versailles outside the town of Versailles, France.

Do you have a family relative that served in the armed forces?



Why We Celebrate Veteran's Day

Veteran's Day is always observed on 11 November, regardless of what day of the week.

The observance of Veterans Day preserves the historical significance of the date.

It also helps focus attention on the important purpose of Veterans Day:

A celebration to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good and protect our freedoms.



What is Memorial Day?

What is the difference between Memorial Day and Veteran's Day?

Memorial Day, which is observed on the last Monday of May, commemorates the men and women who died while in the military service.

In observance of the holiday, many people visit cemeteries and memorials, and volunteers often place American flags on each grave site at national cemeteries.

A national moment of remembrance takes place at 3:00 p.m. local time.



Freedom is Not Free

What are some of our freedoms (we have 27 rights)?

Freedom of speech

Freedom to practice religion of our choice

Freedom to vote

Do you think freedom is free? Is there a cost?

Freedom costs lives

Why do people fight for freedom?

Some governments do not give their people rights

Serving the Community, State, and Our Nation

What can you do to serve your community?
Serve in church. Help at school. Obey the law.
Say no to drugs. Be a Cub-Scout or a Brownie.

What can you do to serve the State of Virginia?
Stop pollution, crime, and waste. Preserve the
environment. Join the National Guard. Become
a doctor or politician.

What can you do to serve your Nation? Join the
Marines, Army, Navy, or Air Force. Become a
Senator or the President of the United States.



Different Wars Veterans Fought

1775-1783

The Revolutionary War



Educational Enrichment for Young Patriots

Different Wars Veterans Fought

1812-1815: The War of 1812

1861-1865: The Civil War

1898: Spanish American War



Educational Enrichment for Young Patriots

Different Wars Veterans Fought

7 Dec 1941: The Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor

6 June 1944: D-Day, France was liberated when the U.S. and its Allies landed at Normandy Beach

12 May 1945: VE-Day, Germany surrendered

15 Aug 1945: VJ-Day, Japan surrendered



Korean War Memorial, Washington DC



Different Wars Veterans Fought



1950-1953: The Korean War



Different Wars Veterans Fought

1955-1975: The Vietnam War

25 Oct 1983: Grenada

December 1989: Operation Just Cause
(Panama)



Vietnam War Memorial, Washington DC

Different Wars Veterans Fought

1991: Desert Storm Iraqi Freedom

11 Sep 2001: Attacks Begin on United States

2001 Oct 07: Operation Enduring Freedom Begins

2003 Mar 19: Operation Iraqi Freedom Begins



Questions

and

Answers

Standard of Learning Enrichment

Educational Enrichment for Young Patriots



Student Life Applications

Leadership Values

Why do we celebrate Veterans Day and Memorial Day?

Honor the people who have served to protect the country's freedoms

What can you do to serve the nation?

Join the service

What can you do to serve your school?

Raise the flag in the morning or recite the Pledge of Allegiance

What can you do to serve your friends?

Be trustworthy, honest, and dependable

Further Study

George Washington Birthplace National Monument
Pope's Creek, Virginia

Ferry Farms, Stafford, Virginia

Mount Vernon, Virginia

Smithsonian Institute, Washington, D.C.

The National Archives, Washington, D.C.

Sources

US Department of Veteran Affairs

<http://www1.va.gov/opa/vetsday/vetdayhistory.asp>

<http://www1.va.gov/opa/speceven/memday/>

US Archives

<http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/charters/constitution.html>

US Senate

<http://www.senate.gov/visiting/common/image/Korean-War.htm>

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_War_I