

Veterans Day Scavenger Hunt Activity

Materials:

- 18 Veterans Day fact cards (pages 2–6)
- Veterans Day questions worksheet (pages 7–8)
- scissors
- scotch tape

Preparation

Print the fact cards and cut them apart.

Make copies of the Veterans Day questions worksheet (2-sided). Each student will need his or her own copy.

Hide the 18 Veterans Day fact cards around your classroom where students will be able



Management tips

You may want to make this a silent activity so students don't share answers with each other.

You can have the kids work by themselves or with partners.

Don't be afraid to hide the facts in tough places. Kids think it's more fun when they have to search around a little.

Examples of good hiding spots might include:

- sticking out of a book, like a bookmark
- the back of the classroom door
- lying flat on the classroom bookshelf
- on the side of the bookshelf
- on the back of the teacher's chair

Have a plan for students who finish early. You may want to have an assignment for them to complete when they're done, or you may have them help other students find fact cards.



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Veterans Day

Fact Card

1



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Fact Card

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Veterans Day was called Armistice Day until 1954. Other celebrating countries still call it Armistice Day or sometimes Remembrance Day.



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Day

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An armistice is an agreement to end fighting. One was signed at 11 a.m. on November 11, 1918 to end fighting in World War I. Armistice Day—now Veterans Day in the U.S.—celebrated that.

Day

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NOVEMBER Events



From 1971–1977, Veterans Day was the fourth Monday in October. But the November 11 date was too important to people. It switched back in 1978.



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Legally, veterans must have served active duty and left the military on good terms.

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Veterans Day honors everyone who served in the military, both living and dead. Many confuse



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Day

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Day

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All veterans have finished serving in the military. People still serving are honored on Armed Forces Day, the third Saturday in May.



World War II veteran Raymond Weeks led the movement to change Armistice Day to honor all veterans. Some call him the "Father of Veterans Day."



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Raymond Weeks held a parade in Birmingham, Alabama in 1947. It was the first to use the name "Veterans Day"—years before the

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Fact Card

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Many places hold their own Veterans Day celebrations.



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Day

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Day

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President Eisenhower set up the Veterans Day National Committee. It plans events each year. It also helps teach people about the holiday.



A wreath is laid at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at exactly 11 a.m. each Veterans Day.



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In 2016, President Obama signed a bill that passed Congress with full support. It calls for a 2-minute

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U.S. military members serve in one of six branches: Army, Navy,



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Day

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The military branch with the most veterans is the Army. It's the biggest and oldest branch. It began as the Continental Army, which formed June 14, 1775.

Day

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The military branch with the fewest veterans is the Space Force. That's because it is the newest branch. It was formed in 2019.



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Fact Card

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Big states like Texas have the most



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Name: _____

Side A

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Fact Card 1: When is Veterans Day celebrated each year?

Fact Card 2: What was Veterans Day called before 1954?

Fact Card 3: What war did the first form of the holiday celebrate the end of?



Fact Card 6: What is the main difference between Veterans Day and Memorial Day?

Fact Card 7: When do we honor military members who are still serving?

Fact Card 8: Who is the "Father of Veterans Day"?

Fact Card 9: Where was the first "Veterans Day" parade held?

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Fact Card 10: Where is the Veterans Day National Ceremony held?

Fact Card 11: Who set up the Veterans Day National Committee?

Fact Card 12: When is the Veterans Day wreath laid at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier?



Fact Card 15: Why is June 14, 1775 the Army's birthday if the U.S. didn't exist yet?

Fact Card 16: What is the newest military branch? When was it formed?

Fact Card 17: Most estimates think there are about how many veterans?

Fact Card 18: Which state has the highest percentage of veterans?

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November 11

Fact Card 2: What was Veterans Day called before 1954?

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Birmingham, Alabama

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Fact Card 10: Where is the Veterans Day National Ceremony held?

Arlington National Cemetery, VA

Fact Card 11: Who set up the Veterans Day National Committee?

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Fact Card 18: Which state has the highest percentage of veterans?

Alaska