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Date: _____



Memorial Day Code Breakers



Directions: Use the code to figure out the secret message.



11 8 18 14 18 11 5 26 24 23 19 24 12 , 22 14

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Did you know?



During World War II, the Enigma machine was used by the enemy to send secret messages. Codebreakers like Alan Turing and Elizabeth Friedman figured out how to crack the code. This helped the Allies win the war and saved the lives of many members of our Armed Forces.



CODE

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
24	25	21	19	14	1	17	15	26	13	6	23	18

N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
8	11	16	10	5	3	7	20	2	22	9	12	4

ON MEMORIAL DAY, WE REMEMBER THE BRAVE MEN AND WOMEN WHO DIED FOR OUR COUNTRY.

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★ ★ MEMORIAL DAY ★ ★



Memorial Day is a special day when we remember and honor the brave men and women who died while serving our country. It was first recognized as a holiday in 1868 to honor soldiers who died during the Civil War. Now, we honor all members of the military who lost their lives while serving our country.

Memorial Day is a solemn day observed on the last Monday in May each year. On this day, there are many different ways Americans show their appreciation. One way is by having parades in cities and towns all across the country. These parades often feature military bands playing patriotic songs and soldiers marching in uniform.

Another way to honor veterans on Memorial Day is by putting up American flags. You may see flags in front of homes, on cars, and in public places like parks and buildings. Some people also decorate graves with flowers, flags, or wreaths to honor the sacrifices made for our country.

In some major US cities, there are special celebrations on Memorial Day. For example, in Washington DC, there is a ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. This ceremony includes a wreath-laying and a moment of silence to honor those who have given their lives in service to our country. How will you choose to show your appreciation this Memorial Day?



Close Reading

1. Underline three ways Americans honor veterans on Memorial Day.
2. Circle a word you did not know in the passage.
3. Put a box around the sentence you think is most important.



Reflection: Why is Memorial Day a special day?
