Days We Remember

Read how three days help people remember and honor others.

SS24.2.13b "Describe the purpose and significance of commonly observed holidays, commemorations, and celebrations."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline words that tell why each day is observed. Circle one way people observe each day.

Why These Days Matter

1. On Martin Luther King Jr. Day, many people remember Dr. King's work for fair treatment and equal rights. Students may read his words or help their neighbors. This day matters because his work helped change unfair laws.

2. On Juneteenth, people celebrate freedom from slavery. On June 19, 1865, enslaved people in Galveston, Texas, learned they were free. Families may gather to share stories. The day honors freedom and the people who fought for it.

3. Veterans Day honors people who served in the U.S. military. Some towns hold parades, and people thank veterans for their service. This day matters because it helps us remember the work and sacrifices of those who served.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. What is the purpose of Martin Luther King Jr. Day?

2. Why does Juneteenth matter?

3. Who does Veterans Day honor, and why does that matter?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write three sentences for a school morning message about two days in the passage. Tell how the days honor different people or events, then suggest one respectful thing classmates could do for each day.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline words that tell why each day is observed. Circle one way people observe each day. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What is the purpose of Martin Luther King Jr. Day?	**To remember Dr. King's work for fair treatment and equal rights.**
2	Why does Juneteenth matter?	**It honors freedom from slavery and the people who fought for it.**
3	Who does Veterans Day honor, and why does that matter?	**It honors people who served in the U.S. military and helps us remember their work and sacrifices.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Martin Luther King Jr. Day honors Dr. King's work for equal rights, but Veterans Day honors people who served in the military. On Martin Luther King Jr. Day, our class could read Dr. King's words. On Veterans Day, we could write thank-you notes to veterans.

Accept answers that accurately describe each day's purpose or significance in the passage. For the morning message, accept different respectful actions if the student explains how the two days honor different people or events.