Alabama Holiday Stories

Read how two national holidays connect to Alabama.

SS24.2.13c "Describe the Alabama connections to national holidays, including Veterans Day and Martin Luther King, Jr. Day."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the Alabama connection to Veterans Day. Circle the Alabama connection to Martin Luther King, Jr. Day so you can tell how each holiday links to our state.

Two Holidays, One State

1. A national holiday is observed across the United States. Veterans Day is on November 11. It honors people who served in the U.S. military. Alabama has its own stories of service that help us understand this holiday.

2. During World War II, Black pilots trained near Tuskegee, Alabama. They were part of the Tuskegee Airmen, a group that served in the U.S. military. On Veterans Day, we can honor their service, along with the service of other veterans.

3. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day honors a leader who worked for fair treatment for all people. In Montgomery, Alabama, King helped lead a bus boycott. People refused to ride city buses to protest unfair rules. His work in Alabama helps us understand this holiday.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. How do the Tuskegee Airmen connect Alabama to Veterans Day?

2. How does King's work in Montgomery connect Alabama to Martin Luther King, Jr. Day?

3. How are Alabama's connections to the two holidays different?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write two sentences for a class holiday plan. In one, suggest a way to honor the Tuskegee Airmen on Veterans Day and tell why. In the other, suggest a way to remember King's work in Montgomery on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and tell why.

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline the Alabama connection to Veterans Day. Circle the Alabama connection to Martin Luther King, Jr. Day so you can tell how each holiday links to our state. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How do the Tuskegee Airmen connect Alabama to Veterans Day?	**Black pilots trained near Tuskegee, Alabama, and served in the U.S. military. Veterans Day honors their service.**
2	How does King's work in Montgomery connect Alabama to Martin Luther King, Jr. Day?	**King helped lead a bus boycott in Montgomery to protest unfair rules. The holiday honors his work for fair treatment.**
3	How are Alabama's connections to the two holidays different?	**Veterans Day connects to the military service of pilots trained near Tuskegee. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day connects to King's work against unfair rules in Montgomery.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

On Veterans Day, our class could make a poster for the Tuskegee Airmen because they served in the U.S. military. On Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, we could write a class promise to treat people fairly because King worked for fair treatment in Montgomery.

Accept different actions that fit each holiday. Each sentence should name an action and explain its connection to the Alabama people or event in the passage.