Days We Honor

Connect people's contributions to national holidays.

2.C.2.5 "Identify the contributions of people and groups who have shaped our history and explain how they are honored by federal holidays (e.g., Veterans Day, Presidents' Day, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Constitution Day, Memorial Day…"

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline what each person or group did. Circle the holiday that honors them and one way people mark that day.

Three Days to Remember

1. On Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, some families read his words aloud. Dr. King worked with others to end unfair laws that hurt Black people. He spoke up for equal rights using peaceful marches. The holiday honors his work for fairness.

2. On Veterans Day, a town may hold a parade. Veterans are people who served in the U.S. military. They helped protect our country. People thank living veterans for their service on this holiday. Some write thank-you notes or wave flags.

3. On Independence Day, many people see fireworks. In 1776, leaders from the 13 colonies signed the Declaration of Independence. It said the colonies wanted to be free from British rule. Each July 4, people honor this bold choice to form a new nation.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. What did Dr. King work to change, and how do some families honor him on his holiday?

2. What did veterans do, and how can people honor them on Veterans Day?

3. What did leaders from the 13 colonies do in 1776, and how do people honor that choice on Independence Day?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Choose a person or group from the passage. Write two sentences: tell what they did and name their holiday, then suggest a new way your school could honor them.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline what each person or group did. Circle the holiday that honors them and one way people mark that day. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What did Dr. King work to change, and how do some families honor him on his holiday?	**He worked to end unfair laws that hurt Black people. Some families read his words aloud on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.**
2	What did veterans do, and how can people honor them on Veterans Day?	**Veterans served in the U.S. military and helped protect our country. People can honor them with a parade or thank-you notes.**
3	What did leaders from the 13 colonies do in 1776, and how do people honor that choice on Independence Day?	**They signed the Declaration of Independence. People honor their choice to form a new nation by watching fireworks on Independence Day.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Veterans Day honors veterans who served in the U.S. military and helped protect our country. Our school could invite veterans to share their stories at an assembly.

Accept accurate contributions paired with the correct holiday. For Your Turn, accept a fitting school activity that is not one of the ways to honor people named in the passage.