

Days We Remember

Read about celebrations that honor people, history, and shared values.

2.1.A “explain the significance of various community, state, and national celebrations such as Veterans Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Thanksgiving; and”

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle each celebration name. Underline the words that tell what the celebration honors, remembers, or celebrates.

Special Days Together

- ① Across the United States, people celebrate special days that help them remember important people and events. These national celebrations bring families and neighbors together. They also teach us about our country’s history and the values people share.
- ② Veterans Day honors people who served in the armed forces. On Memorial Day, people remember service members who died while serving. Parades, flags, and quiet moments can show respect. Both days help communities thank and remember people who protected the country.
- ③ Independence Day celebrates the United States becoming a free country on July 4, 1776. Thanksgiving is a time to give thanks for good things in our lives. Families may share meals, and communities may help others. These celebrations build gratitude and pride.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 How are Veterans Day and Memorial Day different?

2 What does Independence Day celebrate?

3 Name one way people may observe Thanksgiving. What idea does this show?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Choose a community, state, or national celebration not named in the passage. Write two sentences that name it, tell what it remembers or celebrates, and explain why it matters.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Circle each celebration name. Underline the words that tell what the celebration honors, remembers, or celebrates. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How are Veterans Day and Memorial Day different?	Veterans Day honors people who served in the armed forces. Memorial Day remembers service members who died while serving.
2	What does Independence Day celebrate?	It celebrates the United States becoming a free country on July 4, 1776.
3	Name one way people may observe Thanksgiving. What idea does this show?	People may share meals or help others. This shows giving thanks, or gratitude.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Juneteenth celebrates freedom for enslaved people in Texas when they learned they were free. It matters because people remember freedom and learn about this important part of history.

Accept accurate celebrations not named in the passage. The response should state what the celebration remembers or celebrates and give a reasonable reason it matters to people.