

Days We Remember

Read how Virginia communities recognize holidays and traditions.

2.3 "The student will apply history and social science skills to explain how communities honor local and national traditions and recognize designated Virginia holidays including, but not limited to Labor Day..."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle each holiday name, then underline only the words in the same sentence that tell what that named holiday does, remembers, honors, thanks, marks, celebrates, or begins.

Holidays in Our Communities

- ① Communities use holidays to remember people, events, and traditions. In Virginia, Labor Day can be a time for families to rest from work and thank workers. On Election Day, voters choose leaders and take part in government.
- ② Veterans Day thanks military veterans, while Memorial Day remembers service members who died. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day honors a leader who worked for equal rights. George Washington Day, commonly called Presidents' Day, remembers U.S. presidents. Columbus Day is also known as Indigenous Peoples' Day.
- ③ Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day bring families together for meals or traditions. New Year's Day begins a new year. Juneteenth marks freedom for enslaved people in Texas in 1865. Independence Day celebrates the nation's freedom, and Yorktown Victory Day remembers the 1781 victory at Yorktown.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 How can families observe Labor Day, according to the passage?

2 What event does Yorktown Victory Day remember?

3 How do people take part in Election Day and Veterans Day?

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Choose a holiday named in the passage. Write two sentences that describe one respectful way your community could observe it and explain what the activity helps people remember or honor.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Circle each holiday name, then underline only the words in the same sentence that tell what that named holiday does, remembers, honors, thanks, marks, celebrates, or begins. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How can families observe Labor Day, according to the passage?	Families can rest from work and thank workers.
2	What event does Yorktown Victory Day remember?	It remembers the 1781 victory at Yorktown.
3	How do people take part in Election Day and Veterans Day?	On Election Day, voters choose leaders and take part in government. On Veterans Day, people thank military veterans.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

On Independence Day, our community could hold a reading about the nation's freedom. This activity would help people remember what the holiday celebrates.

Accept circled holiday names, including both alternate names, and underlining of direct action or meaning words tied to a named holiday. For Your Turn, accept any named holiday, a respectful connected activity, and a clear explanation of what it remembers or honors.