Veterans Day 2026 Activity Sheet and Quiz

Wed., Nov. 11, 2026: history facts, a quiz and a thank-you note

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Veterans Day

Facts

- The armistice that ended fighting in World War I took effect on Nov. 11, 1918.
- In Nov. 1919, President Wilson proclaimed the first Armistice Day.
- A law approved May 13, 1938 made Nov. 11 a legal holiday.
- On June 1, 1954, Nov. 11 became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.
- A law signed Sept. 20, 1975 returned the observance to Nov. 11, beginning in 1978.

VETERANS DAY QUIZ

Q1 What day and year is the armistice that ended fighting in World War I remembered? _____

Q2 Which president proclaimed the first Armistice Day? _____

Q3 On what date in 1954 did Nov. 11 become a day to honor veterans of all wars? _____

Q4 At what time does the national ceremony at Arlington begin? _____

Q5 Why is there no apostrophe in Veterans Day? _____

Answers are at the bottom of the page, upside down. Fold or cut them off.

A thank-you note to a veteran

Dear _____

Thank you for _____

From _____

WAYS TO MARK VETERANS DAY

- [ ] Watch the 11 a.m. ET national ceremony
- [ ] Display the flag
- [ ] Read the VA Teachers Resource Guide
- [ ] Write and send the thank-you note

What I learned about Veterans Day

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Answers

Q1. Nov. 11, 1918
Q2. Woodrow Wilson, in Nov. 1919
Q3. June 1, 1954
Q4. 11:00 a.m., with a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns
Q5. It is not a day that belongs to veterans; it is a day for honoring all veterans

Source: U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, History of Veterans Day, Veterans Day Facts and Information and Veterans Day page; our checklist is editorial advice.