

National Holidays

Grade 1 • SOCIAL-STUDIES • Students identify selected national holidays and a simple reason each one is observed. • Standards: D2.His.2.K-2

Read about each holiday. Draw a line to match each holiday with the reason we celebrate it.

1. Independence Day happens on July 4th. Why do we celebrate this holiday? A) Our country's birthday B) To honor teachers C) To celebrate winter
2. On Veterans Day we honor people who served in the military. Which word best describes these people? A) Cooks B) Soldiers C) Farmers
3. Memorial Day is a special day to remember soldiers who died for our country. It is celebrated in May. Which season includes the month of May? A) Spring B) Summer C) Fall
4. Presidents Day honors leaders of our country. Which two presidents do we especially remember on this day? A) Washington and Lincoln B) Firefighters and police C) Teachers and doctors
5. Martin Luther King Jr. Day honors a man who worked for fairness. What did he want for all people? A) Free toys B) Equal rights C) More holidays
6. On Independence Day, our country celebrates becoming free from another country. Which country did we become independent from? A) France B) Spain C) England
7. Veterans Day honors all veterans. Memorial Day is a special day to remember soldiers who died for our country. What is one difference between these holidays? A) Memorial Day remembers soldiers who died B) Veterans Day is in summer C) Memorial Day honors teachers
8. Martin Luther King Jr. gave speeches about his dreams for our country. What was his dream? A) Everyone would have the same toys B) People of all colors would be treated equally C) Everyone would live in the same house

9. Presidents Day was created to honor George Washington. Why is George Washington called the Father of Our Country? A) He was the oldest person B) He was the first president C) He had the most children

10. On Independence Day we celebrate freedom. What is one way people show they are celebrating? A) Displaying the American flag B) Raking leaves C) Building snowmen

Answer Key — National Holidays

For the teacher / parent. Do not distribute with the worksheet.

1. A (*Independence Day celebrates when our country became free and independent.*)
2. B (*Veterans are people who were soldiers and served our country.*)
3. A (*May is a spring month.*)
4. A (*Presidents Day honors George Washington and Abraham Lincoln.*)
5. B (*Martin Luther King Jr. worked so all people would be treated fairly and equally.*)
6. C (*The United States became independent from England in 1776.*)
7. A (*Memorial Day is for soldiers who died, while Veterans Day honors all veterans.*)
8. B (*His dream was that people would be judged by their character, not their skin color.*)
9. B (*George Washington was the first president and helped start our country.*)
10. A (*People display the American flag to show patriotism and celebrate our country's independence.*)