

BILINGUAL MEMORIAL DAY

ACTIVITY

1. First have students brainstorm what they know about Memorial Day or what they think the holiday might signify. Go over key Memorial Day vocabulary with students, such as:

MAY	MONDAY	PARADE	SOLDIER
FLAG	MEMORIAL	REMEMBER	HONOR

2. Hand out the passage below in one or both languages and have students read it aloud round robin style to learn the most important facts about this holiday.

3. Hand out the wreath activity directions and show students an example of the final product while going over directions with them.

4. Students should spend 30 min-1 hour making their own Memorial Day wreath. After finishing, students can share a few of the names of the soldiers on their wreaths.

5. For students who finish early, give them Memorial Day puzzles such as this word find from the website:

<http://homeschooling.about.com/od/holidays/ss/memorialprint.htm>

MEMORIAL DAY PASSAGE

SPANISH VERSION

Memorial Day (Día de los Caídos) es el día en que los estadounidenses honran a los que han muerto por su país. Es un feriado legal en Estados Unidos. Lo celebran en el fin de mayo. Celebran este feriado con desfiles militares o programas especiales en el Cementerio Nacional de Arlington en Virginia o en Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Lo más destacado de estos programas es la lectura del presidente Abraham Lincoln -Discurso de Gettysburg. También, la gente Americana celebran este feriado con fuegos artificiales y barbacoas. “Memorial Day” es un símbolo del comienzo de la temporada de verano.

ENGLISH VERSION

Memorial Day is a day in May when Americans honor their fallen soldiers. It is celebrated at the end of May and is a legal holiday. Students usually have the day off of school and government offices close. Americans celebrate this holiday with military parades and programs staged in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania or in the National Cemetery in Arlington , Virginia. People often read the Gettysburg address by Abraham Lincoln on this holiday. Also, the American people celebrate this holiday with fireworks and barbecues. Memorial Day marks the beginning of the summer season.

MEMORIAL DAY WREATH

Supplies/*Materiales:*

- Red, white and blue construction paper/*papel construccion de colores azul, rojo, y blanco*
- A paper plate/*un plato papel*
- Scissors/*tijeras*
- Glue/*pegamento*

Steps/*Pasos:*

- Cut a large hole in the paper plate/*Corte un agujero grande en el plato papel.*
- Cut out a lot of stars from red, white and blue construction paper/*Corta muchas estrellas de los papeles azules, papeles rojas, y papeles blancas.*
- Glue the stars to the paper plate/*Pega las estrellas al plato papel.*
- Decorate the stars with the names of the soldiers. *Decora las estrellas con nombres de los soldados.*

(You can find the names of fallen soldiers at this link: <http://projects.militarytimes.com/valor/>)

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