

Veterans Day

Veterans Day began as Armistice Day on November 11, 1919. It was started to celebrate the ending of World War I. In 1954, President Eisenhower changed the name to Veterans Day. On this day we honor the men and women who have served in the armed forces. The armed forces include the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, and Coast Guard.

People often mix up Veterans Day with Memorial Day. They are the same because they both honor men and women who have served in the armed forces. However, Memorial Day is in May and honors service members who have died while fighting for their country. Veterans Day is a day for honoring the living as well as those who have died.

Families, cities and states honor veterans in different ways. Some people have a special dinner to honor family members who are veterans. Some towns hold parades to honor Veterans. The National Veterans Day Ceremony is held each year at the Arlington Cemetery in Virginia.

◆ IT: text structure, main idea, reading for details

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Show What You Know

1. What do we do on Veterans Day?

2. Which text structure was used to write the second paragraph?

- a) problem and solution
- b) description
- c) compare and contrast
- d) sequence

How do you know?

3. What is the main idea of the third paragraph?

4. Which of these was not addressed in this passage?

- a) How Veterans Day was started.
- b) How many veterans are living in the US.
- c) How Veterans Day and Memorial Day are different.
- d) How we honor veterans in the US.

