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Memorial Day

Name _____

Date _____

“Four things support the world: the learning of the wise, the justice of the great, the prayers of the good, and the valor of the brave.”

—Muhammad, prophet, founder of Islam, 570 (?)–632

Memorial Day, or Decoration Day, as it was originally known, was established to honor Union soldiers who died fighting the American Civil War. Use a word from the Word Bank to complete each sentence below. Yes, please consult your dictionary.

Word Bank	adorn	bereaved	cavalcade	cortege	empathy
	imprecations	inalienable	perennial	repercussion	solace

1. Memorial Day, especially for hundreds of thousands of combat veterans, is a _____ reminder of troops who died serving their country.
2. Placing flags and flowers on soldier's graves helps some mourners find _____.
3. One _____ of the Civil War was the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln.
4. Memorial Day offers _____ families and friends an opportunity to honor fallen soldiers.
5. The riderless horse that sometimes follows a dead soldier's casket in a funeral _____ symbolizes a fallen warrior.
6. The colonists fought the Revolutionary War to defend the idea that humans have certain _____ rights, which Thomas Jefferson described in the Declaration of Independence.
7. On Memorial Day in modern times, people tend and _____ the graves of all loved ones, not just soldiers who died in combat.
8. One source of Maya Lin's inspiration for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial was her _____ for the 58,249 soldiers whose names are inscribed on the Wall.
9. This year's Memorial Day parade had the longest _____ of horses in the town's history.
10. Chaske's mother hurled _____ at her husband when he signed papers allowing their son to join the Army.