

Memorial Day Digital Escape Room: Teacher Instructions

Thank you for your purchase! Your students are going to love solving puzzles in this 360° digital escape room. This activity is designed to work for a laptop, tablet, or smart phone. Students will solve a series of clues based on Memorial Day. Please do not share this link with other educators as it is my copyrighted work and against my terms of licensing. You can purchase additional licenses in my [TpT store](#).

Have your students work independently or in teams; I personally prefer partners. Included in this zip folder are: teacher instructions (with answer keys), student instructions, the master lock graphic organizer, reflection sheet, and printable copies of Clues 1-7 (optional to print because some students might find it easier to complete the puzzles on paper). While using this resource, you must have a wi-fi connection and the ability to access the following sites: [kuula.co](#) and Google Forms (your students do not need a Google account).

The room is a 360 degree panoramic photo, so the clues are all around the digital room. You must click your mouse and hold down the cursor to scan the entire room. Drag the arrow in whichever way you'd like to go. If you are using a smart phone, simply swipe your finger.

No password is required to gain access to the room. If this happens to you, it means your district's firewall is blocking the program and you should contact your IT department.

Escape Room Link:

Suggested Lesson Procedure:

1. Share the digital directions (PDF) with your students; you must share them digitally so they can access the link to the escape room.
2. Verbally review your expectations with your students. Let them choose a partner.
3. You may set a timer for 40-45 minutes using a classroom timer to raise the stakes!
4. Upon entering the room, have your students start by clicking the "Start Here" button. This will show them the Memorial Day Fact Sheet. (Depending on your class, you may decide to read through the fact sheet together beforehand.)
5. Students will then click the "1" button. This is the first clue. Then students will move on to Clue 2, and so on an so forth.
6. The 7 clues are labeled by numbers. For every clue students figure out, they must record their answers on their Master Lock graphic organizer (on paper). The master lock (a google form) requires 7 correct answers from all 7 clues and is mandatory for students to "escape." They can find the link to the Master Lock located on the door when they are ready to escape.
7. Once time is up, ask students to fill out a reflection sheet to get their feedback (optional).

FACT SHEET:

MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day is a national holiday in the United States that takes place on the last Monday in May. It is a day to remember and honor the men and women who died while serving in the military.

It was originally called Decoration Day. Around the end of the Civil War, women's groups began decorating the graves of fallen soldiers. On April 12, 1868, the Columbus Ladies Memorial Association in Columbus, Georgia, announced that one day each year should be set aside to decorate graves and remember the dead.


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In 2000, Congress created the National Moment of Remembrance. This means that every year on Memorial Day, Americans are encouraged to pause for one minute at 3:00 p.m. local time to remember and honor military members who died in service. Memorial Day helps us remember and honor the people who gave their lives for our country.



START HERE:





MEMORIAL DAY DIGITAL ESCAPE ROOM



PREVIEW Student Directions

You're hosting the perfect Memorial Day backyard party. The grill is already going, burgers are sizzling, and your guests will arrive any minute. There's just one problem: when you stepped outside, the house door locked behind you. Now you're stuck in the backyard.

At first it seems like no big deal... until you realize everything you actually need is inside. The drinks are in the fridge, the buns are on the counter, the plates and utensils are stacked and ready, and all the decorations meant to pull the party together are sitting untouched.

Can you solve all the clues to unlock the back door before your guests arrive?!

1. Use the link below to enter the room.
2. Click the START HERE button once inside. This is the **Memorial Day Fact Sheet**. The "Memorial Day Fact Sheet" provides the information needed to solve the clues.
3. Click the "1" button. This is your first clue! There are 7 clues you must solve, and each are labeled numerically.
4. IMPORTANT: After solving each clue, record your answers on your paper graphic organizer (you will need the seven answers at the end).
5. Solve all seven clues.
6. Once you think you have 7 correct answers to the clues, click the link to the Master Lock. The Master Lock can be found on the lock on the door.
7. Enter your responses into the Google Form. If all your answers are correct, you will be able to unlock the door! If not, you will have to retrace your steps and try again.
8. Remember! The "Memorial Day Fact Sheet" will be essential in helping you answer questions.

[Click here when you are ready to begin.](#)



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Name:

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The Master Lock



Clue Number	Answers
Clue #1	
Clue #2	
Clue #3	
Clue #4	
Clue #5	
Clue #6	
Clue #7	

CLUE 2

Solve each math problem. Write the correct answer on the line next to each letter. Then, use your answers to find the matching letters and fill in the blanks below. When all the blanks are filled in, you will reveal a hidden message.

A = 1 + 1 = _____	J = 2 + 2 = _____	R = 2 + 1 = _____
B = 0 + 5 = _____	K = 7 + 6 = _____	S = 4 x 2 = _____
C = 12 + 5 = _____	L = 2 x 10 = _____	T = 7 + 3 = _____
D = 3 + 11 = _____	M = 0 + 1 = _____	U = 3 x 4 = _____
E = 4 + 12 = _____	N = 20 + 1 = _____	V = 12 + 11 = _____
F = 13 + 13 = _____	O = 4 + 3 = _____	W = 9 + 9 = _____
G = 3 x 3 = _____	P = 9 + 6 = _____	X = 2 + 4 = _____
H = 20 + 5 = _____	Q = 8 + 11 = _____	Y = 11 x 2 = _____
I = 6 x 4 = _____		Z = 4 + 7 = _____

_____ 18 25 _____ 2 10 _____ 18 2 8

_____ 1 16 1 7 3 24 2 20 _____ 14 2 22

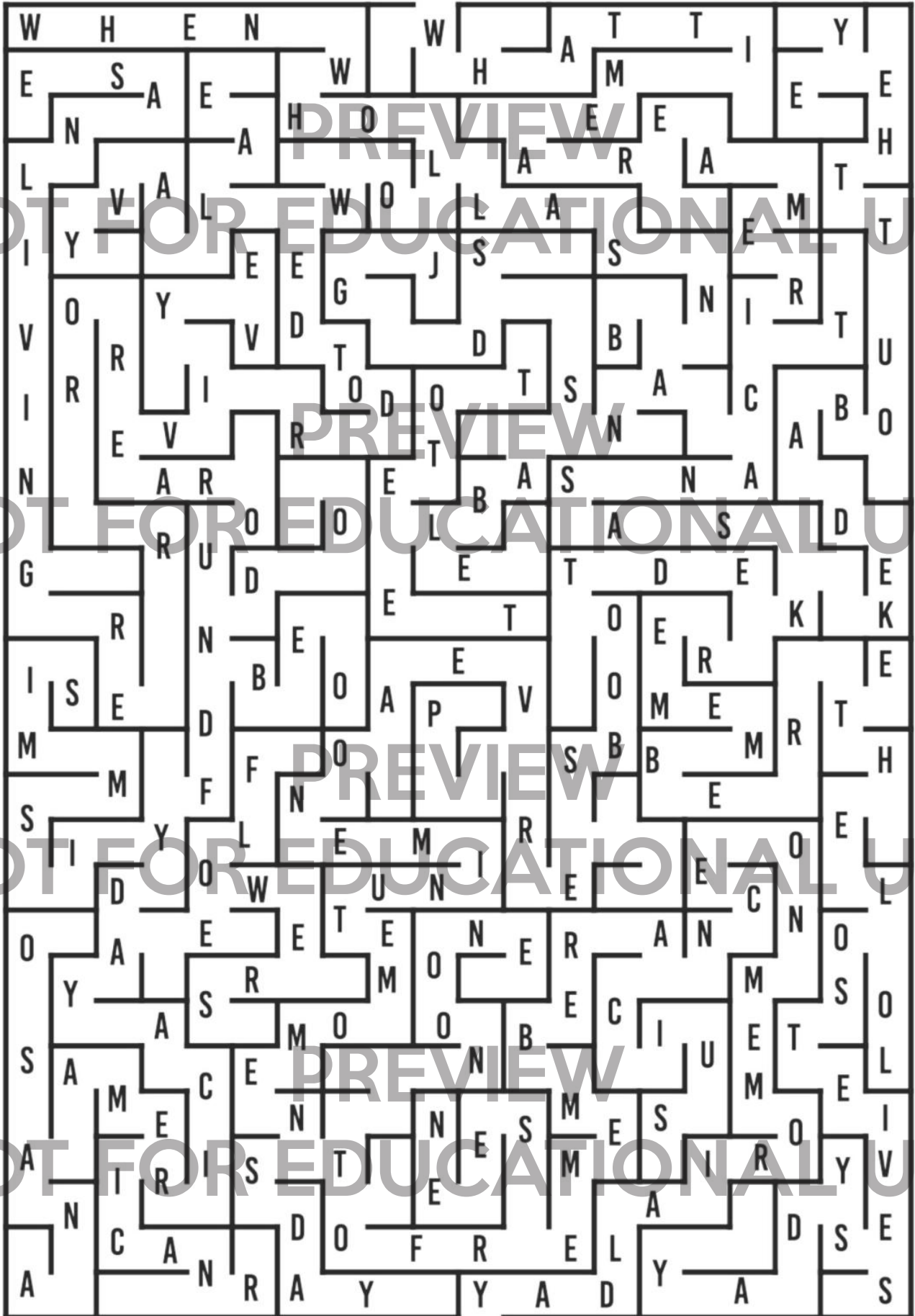
_____ 7 3 24 9 24 21 2 20 20 22

_____ 17 2 20 20 16 14 _____ ?



START

CLUE 3



FINISH

CLUE 4

Read the following poem "We Shall Keep the Faith" by Moina Michael

Oh! you who sleep in Flanders Fields,
Sleep sweet - to rise anew!
We caught the torch you threw
And holding high, we keep the Faith
With All who died.
We cherish, too, the poppy red
That grows on fields where valor led;
It seems to signal to the skies
That blood of heroes never dies,
But lends a lustre to the red
Of the flower that blooms above the dead
In Flanders Fields.
And now the Torch and Poppy Red
We wear in honor of our dead.
Fear not that ye have died for naught;
We'll teach the lesson that ye wrought
In Flanders Fields.



Count how many times each of the following words are used in the poem above (not including the title). Then use the numbers from top to bottom as your answer for Clue 4.

_____	Poppy
_____	Faith
_____	Red
_____	Fields

PREVIEW

CLUE 5

**Burger count: How many patties
are cooking on the grill?**



Memorial Day Clue #7

Answer the following questions in Google Forms and hit submit. Then, click "View Accuracy" to see if you got the answers all correct. If you got any questions marked wrong, you must go back and try again.

Once you've completed the task correctly, you will take all the answers (**letters only**), in order and use that as your answer for clue #7 in the master lock. For example, your final answer will look something like this: ababa.

1) True or False? Memorial Day is a national holiday in the United States that takes place on the last Monday in June.

- a) TRUE
- b) FALSE

2) True or False? Armed Forces Day (the third Saturday in May) celebrates those currently serving in a military branch.

- a) TRUE
- b) FALSE

3) True or False? On May 5, 1728, John A. Logan, leader of the Grand Army of the Republic, issued General Orders No. 11.

- a) TRUE
- b) FALSE

4) True or False? Veterans Day, observed each year on March 11, honors those who have served in the United States military.

- a) TRUE
- b) FALSE

5) True or False? Memorial Day helps us remember and honor the people who gave their lives for our country.

- a) TRUE
- b) FALSE

Name:

Class:

Memorial Day
Digital Escape Room Reflection

PREVIEW

1. Were you able to escape the room before the time was up?

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2. What was your favorite part about the escape room?

PREVIEW

3. What was the biggest challenge you encountered in the escape room?

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4. Was there anything you found too confusing or too difficult to solve?

PREVIEW

5. Would you like to do more escape rooms in the future? Explain.

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6. Is there anything you would change about the activity today to enhance your experience?

PREVIEW

7. If you worked in a group, how did all of the group members work together? Did everyone participate? Explain.

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