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PART I: VETERANS DAY WEBQUEST

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https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/veterans-day-facts

1. What date is Veterans Day celebrated every year?

2. What is the historical significance of the date we celebrate Veterans Day?

3. Veterans Day was originally referred to as what name?

4. What year did November 11th become a national holiday?

5. How is Veterans Day different than Memorial Day?

6. In 1954, which president changed the holiday's name to Veterans Day?

7. Veterans Day commemorates veterans of which war?

8. Arlington Cemetery is the home to the graves of how many people?

9. How many living veterans are there—as of 2018—that have served during at least one war?

10. List the branches of military in the United States.

11. How old must someone be to enlist in the U.S. Military?

12. What is the Selective Service Act?

PART II

Read the following excerpt from Eisenhower's Proclamation. Then answer the questions that follow.

A PROCLAMATION BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
(DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER) THE FIRST VETERANS DAY

…On [this] day, let us solemnly remember the sacrifices of all those who fought so **valiantly**, on the seas, in the air, and on foreign shores, to preserve our heritage of freedom, and let us reconsecrate ourselves to the task of promoting and enduring peace so that their efforts shall not have been in vain. I also direct the appropriate officials of the Government to arrange for the display of the flag of the United States on all public buildings on Veterans Day…

1. Define valiantly.

2. Why do we celebrate Veterans Day?

3. What is a veteran?

4. What is the purpose of displaying the American flag?

5. How can you show your appreciation for a Veteran on Veterans Day?

PART III

If you could create any **new** official holiday, what would it be? Explain the importance of the holiday, who would celebrate this holiday, and assign the holiday an annual date.

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1. What date is Veterans Day celebrated every year? November 11

2. What is the historical significance of the date? 11/11/18 was the date that World War I ended.

3. Veterans Day was originally referred to as what name? Armistice Day

4. What year did November 11th become a national holiday? 1938

5. How is Veterans Day different than Memorial Day? Memorial Day pays tribute to those who have died while serving their country, whereas Veterans Day gives thanks to all those who have served.

6. In 1954, which president changed the holiday's name to Veterans Day? Dwight D. Eisenhower

7. Veterans Day commemorates veterans of which war? ALL

8. Arlington Cemetery is the home to the graves of how many people? Over 400,000

9. How many living veterans are there—as of 2018—that have served during at least one war? 18.2 million

10. List the branches of military in the United States. The Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Space Force and Coast Guard

11. How old must someone be to enlist in the U.S. Military? 18 or 17 with parental consent

12. What is the Selective Service Act? The act that requires all men (age 18-25) in the U.S. to register for military service, in case there is need for a draft.

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1. Define valiantly. To do something with courage.

2. Why do we celebrate Veterans Day? To honor those who have protected and defended our freedom. To thank Veterans for risking their lives for our peace.

3. What is a veteran? Anyone who has served in the military.

4. What is the purpose of displaying the American flag? To show patriotism and unity for the love of our nation. To recognize that veterans have fought for the qualities that make our nation great, such as liberty, justice, and freedom.

5. How can you show your appreciation for a Veteran on Veterans Day? Say "thank you for serving" to any veteran.

PART III

If you could create any official holiday, what would it be? Explain the importance of the holiday, who would celebrate this holiday, and assign the holiday an annual date.

Answers will vary.

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