



Memorial Day Teaching Resources

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Memorial Day is a “teachable moment” for many educators. It provides an opportunity to reflect on the costs of citizenship and sacrifices made throughout our history to defend and to strengthen the nation. Memorial Day is a time to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice in battle. But it is also a time to analyze the increasingly long and difficult wars that developed when diplomacy and compromise failed to allay the competing ideas and desires that exploded into conflict. Memorial Day also offers a backdrop for class exploration and discussion about the nature of war as well as a timeline of the history of specific wars and/or battles. Short video interviews with survivors of war, either civilian or soldier, bring the stories home.

Memorial Day – American Experience Online

<http://video.pbs.org/video/2318014363/>

Primary Sources for Memorial Day Reflection

<http://blogs.kqed.org/education/2015/04/29/primary-sources-for-memorial-day-reflection/?elq=4e3717124c4b4e1d972709848a815b45&elqCampaignId=437&elqaid=1958&elqat=1&elqTrackId=b04ff24e4d4c464fa0c8bcf4456d6d67>

Memorial Day Resources

<http://www.va.gov/opa/speceven/memday/>

US Memorial Day Resources – In Memory of the Honored Dead

http://www.usmemorialday.org/?page_id=49

America’s Story from America’s Library – First Official Memorial Day 1868

http://www.americaslibrary.gov/jb/recon/jb_recon_memorial_1.html

Memorial Day – USA.gov

<http://www.usa.gov/Topics/Memorial-Day.shtml>

Memorial Day – Activities and Games

<http://www.apples4theteacher.com/holidays/memorial-day/>

Memorial Day – War, Peace, Memorials, Literature

http://virtual-markets.net/vme/memorial/dvm_mem.html