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# VETERANS DAY

The celebration of Veterans Day is held on November 11<sup>th</sup> every year in the United States. This day is set aside to honor and remember the military men and women who have served America, in any war and during peacetime.

Veterans Day was first called Armistice Day. Armistice Day signaled the end of World War I. World War I was fought from 1914-1918. Thirty-five countries fought in World War I. An armistice was signed on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, and this meant the war was over. Many countries were thrilled to hear that the war was over and that their soldiers would be coming home.

An unidentified American soldier was buried in Arlington National Cemetery on a hillside overlooking the Potomac River at 11:00 a.m. on November 11, 1921. His grave is called the "Tomb of the Unknown Soldier". On the same day, a soldier from France and a soldier from England were each also buried in their own countries, to give special recognition to the end of the war. In 1954, the U.S. Congress changed the name of the day from Armistice Day to Veterans Day.

The site of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier is where the U.S. government holds its annual Veterans Day ceremonies. Ceremonies are also held in many schools and churches on Veterans Day.

## ANSWER THE QUESTIONS:

1. When is Veterans Day celebrated in the U.S.?  
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2. What did the signing of the armistice on November 11, 1918 mean? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. What was celebrated on November 11<sup>th</sup> before 1954?

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4. Name two other countries that buried unknown soldiers on November 11, 1921.

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

5. What signaled the end of World War I?

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6. How many countries fought in World War I?

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7. WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO HONOR VETERANS?

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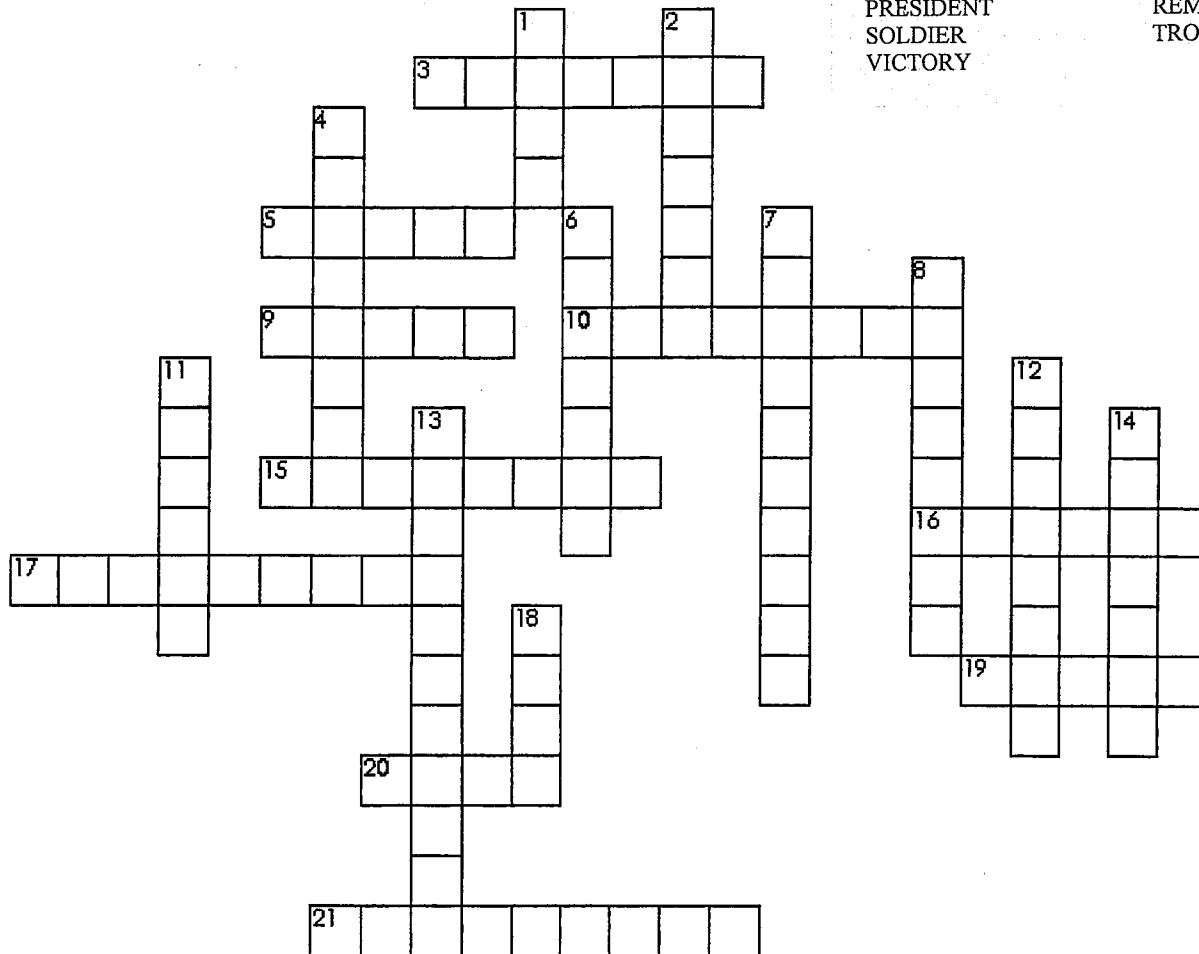
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ARMY  
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COMMANDO  
KOREA  
NAVY  
PENTAGON  
PRESIDENT  
SOLDIER  
VICTORY

ARMISTICE  
ARMY  
BELGIUM  
COAST GUARD  
HAWAII  
MARINES  
NOVEMBER  
POPPY  
REMEMBRANCE  
TROOP



## Across:

3. They have fought "from the halls of Montezuma / to the shores of Tripoli."
5. A group of soldiers.
9. This flower is closely associated with Veterans Day.
10. A member of a highly-trained military unit who participates in offensive military actions beyond the skill of regular units.
15. The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier is located in Arlington National \_\_\_\_\_.
16. A fight between two opposing forces.
17. Veterans Day was originally called \_\_\_\_\_ Day.
19. U.S. troops fought in this country from 1950-1953.
20. Soldiers trained to fight primarily at sea.
21. Who is the Commander-in-chief of all the United States Armed Forces?

## Down:

1. "First to fight for the right, and to build the nation's might, and the \_\_\_\_\_ goes rolling along."
2. The poem "In Flanders Field" was written in the midst of intense fighting in this European country.
4. Off they go, into the wild blue yonder ...
6. Defeat of an enemy.
7. Their motto is "Semper Paratus" (Always Ready).
8. Veterans Day is observed on \_\_\_\_\_ 11.
11. The U.S. officially entered World War II following a bloody attack on Pearl Harbor in this state.
12. This command branch of the U.S. military is housed in this huge complex in Washington, D.C.
13. A man or woman in military service.
14. Veterans Day is observed as \_\_\_\_\_ Day in many parts of Europe.

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## Veteran's Day Vocabulary

Complete the activity.



1. \_\_\_\_\_ The absence of war or other hostilities
2. \_\_\_\_\_ A private in military service, as distinguished from an officer
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Long exercised in anything, especially in military life and the duties of a soldier
4. \_\_\_\_\_ War to end all wars
5. \_\_\_\_\_ National holiday held on November 11
6. \_\_\_\_\_ Location of bloody battle in Belgium
7. \_\_\_\_\_ A cessation of arms for a short time, a truce.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ Many people observe this at 11 a.m. on Veteran's Day
9. \_\_\_\_\_ Original name for Veterans Day
10. \_\_\_\_\_ A symbol of Veteran's Day

Veteran's Day	Poppies
Veteran	Peace
Armistice	Soldiers
Armistice Day	Flanders Field
World War I	Moment of silence