**MEMORIAL DAY QUIZ**

* What U.S. holiday honors military personnel who died in service?
* What was Memorial Day originally called?
* In what year did Memorial Day become a federal holiday?
* Which war first inspired the creation of Memorial Day?
* What date is Memorial Day traditionally observed on?
* Memorial Day is celebrated on which day of the week?
* What flower is commonly associated with Memorial Day?
* What color poppy is used to honor fallen soldiers?
* Who wrote the poem “In Flanders Fields”?
* What is the National Moment of Remembrance?
* At what time does the National Moment of Remembrance occur on Memorial Day?
* Which state was the first to recognize Memorial Day officially?
* What southern town is often credited with holding the first Memorial Day ceremony in 1865?
* Which U.S. president officially declared Waterloo, NY as the birthplace of Memorial Day?
* What military cemetery holds a major Memorial Day ceremony each year?
* What is placed on each grave at Arlington National Cemetery on Memorial Day?
* Which branch of the military is known for placing flags at Arlington for Memorial Day?
* How many U.S. military personnel are estimated to have died in the Civil War?
* True or False: Memorial Day is the same as Veterans Day.
* What holiday often marks the unofficial beginning of summer in the U.S.?
* What act in 1968 moved Memorial Day to the last Monday in May?
* What is the traditional way to display the American flag on Memorial Day morning?
* Until what time should the flag fly at half-staff on Memorial Day?
* What famous landmark in Washington, D.C., commemorates fallen soldiers of the Vietnam War?
* What national park features a wall with 4,048 gold stars, each representing 100 U.S. service members lost in WWII?
* What patriotic song is often played on Memorial Day?
* What is the name of the U.S. military’s ceremonial unit that guards the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier?
* Where is the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier located?
* What war prompted the addition of Memorial Day tributes to soldiers beyond just the Civil War?
* What is the difference between Memorial Day and Armed Forces Day?
* What year was the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier dedicated?
* What president was in office when Memorial Day became a federal holiday?
* What is the three-day weekend including Memorial Day commonly called?
* What common BBQ food is grilled the most on Memorial Day weekend?
* Which U.S. state has the most military bases?
* What military branch is the youngest?
* What famous speech by Abraham Lincoln is often read or quoted on Memorial Day?
* What year did the U.S. join World War I?
* What event is held annually in Washington, D.C., to honor fallen bikers and veterans?
* What is the name of the military service branch dedicated to aviation?
* How many U.S. Presidents served in the military?
* What was the original name of Veterans Day?
* What is the name of the U.S. flag code that outlines how to honor the flag?
* What’s the significance of Taps on Memorial Day?
* What holiday occurs exactly six months before Memorial Day?
* What song begins with “Oh, say can you see”?
* What is a gold star family?
* Who issues the Presidential Proclamation for Memorial Day each year?
* Which ocean did many WWII naval battles take place in?
* Which U.S. military conflict had the most American casualties?

**✅ Answer Key**

1. Memorial Day
2. Decoration Day
3. 1971
4. The Civil War
5. May 30
6. Monday
7. Poppy
8. Red
9. John McCrae
10. A minute of silence to honor fallen soldiers
11. 3:00 PM local time
12. New York
13. Charleston, South Carolina
14. President Lyndon B. Johnson
15. Arlington National Cemetery
16. A small American flag
17. The U.S. Army
18. Approximately 620,000
19. False
20. Memorial Day
21. The Uniform Monday Holiday Act
22. At half-staff until noon
23. Noon
24. The Vietnam Veterans Memorial
25. The World War II Memorial
26. “Taps” or “God Bless America”
27. The 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard)
28. Arlington National Cemetery
29. World War I
30. Memorial Day honors the dead; Armed Forces Day honors those currently serving
31. 1921
32. Richard Nixon
33. Memorial Day weekend
34. Hot dogs
35. California
36. Space Force
37. The Gettysburg Address
38. 1917
39. Rolling Thunder
40. The U.S. Air Force
41. 31
42. Armistice Day
43. U.S. Flag Code
44. It is played to honor fallen service members
45. Thanksgiving
46. “The Star-Spangled Banner”
47. Families who lost a loved one in military service
48. The sitting U.S. President
49. The Pacific Ocean
50. The Civil War