Memorial Day
Lesson Plan
1st Grade

A Poppy Is to Remember

WREATHS across AMERICA
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## OBJECTIVES:
- **CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.1.2**
  - Ask and answer questions about key details in a text read aloud or information presented orally or through other media.

- **CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.1.3**
  - Ask and answer questions about what a speaker says in order to gather additional information or clarify something that is not understood.

## STRATEGIES:
- Drawing/Coloring
- Think/Pair/Share
- Collaboration
- Discussion Questions
- Small Groups
- Large Group

*Before conducting this lesson, make sure you are aware of students who may have parents deployed in the Military, or who may be Gold Star Children.

## MATERIALS:
- Computer/laptop; internet (with access to YouTube); Smart Board; Crayons, Markers or Colored Pencils, Glue/Paste, Scissors; copies of the American Cemetery in Flanders, France Coloring Sheet; copies of the Memorial Day Word Search; copies of the Memorial Day Poppy Wreath Coloring Sheet; Copies of How to Make Your Own Poppy Activity

## Engage:
- **Hook the students**
  - Share the Power Point by clicking on the link, *What is Memorial Day?*
  - Think/Pair/Share Activity: Pair the students with a partner. Explain the T/P/S directions. The students will think of their answer, get with their partner and share their answer.
  - T/P/S Question: What can you do to honor a fallen hero on Memorial Day?

## Explore:
- **Students make sense of a concept through observations.**
  - Play the video, *What is Memorial for Kids and Preschoolers* [https://youtu.be/YCJApBnLcAo](https://youtu.be/YCJApBnLcAo)
  - **Video Reflection Questions:**
    - What is Memorial Day?  Who does Memorial Day honor?
    - When do we observe Memorial Day?  What was Memorial Day called originally?  Why did they call it Decoration Day?
    - In what year was Decoration Day first celebrated at Arlington National Cemetery?
    - Originally Decoration Day only honored soldiers who died in the Civil War, that changed after another big war. What was the name of that war?
    - What is the official flower of Memorial Day?
    - Why was the poppy selected as the official flower of Memorial Day?
    - Why is it important for Americans to recognize Memorial Day?
    - What is one way you will honor America’s Fallen Heroes?

## Explain:
- **Teacher introduces formal vocabulary and language to students.**
  - honor  Civil War  poppies
  - sacrifice  Decoration Day  Flanders Fields
  - bravery  Memorial Day  Taps

## Elaborate:
- **Students apply what they have learned.**
  - Students will answer the Oral Question and Answer video reflection questions from the *What is Memorial for Kids and Preschoolers* video; students will complete the Memorial Day Word Search; and the Coloring Worksheets

## Evaluate:
- **assessment.**
  - American Cemetery in Flanders Coloring Worksheet; Memorial Day Poppy Wreath Coloring Worksheet; Memorial Day Word Search

## Enrichment/Service-Learning Project
- **Students can complete the How to Make Your Own Poppy Activity and make a field of Poppies for our Fallen Heroes in their classroom or in the halls of their school.**

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American Cemetery in Flanders Fields, France on Memorial Day

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Memorial Day Poppy Wreath

Honor__
Our__
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Memorial Day Wordsearch Puzzle

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**Answer Key** Memorial Day Wordsearch Puzzle

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**How to Make Your Own Poppy!**

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**DIRECTIONS:** Color the fronts of each Poppy red. The large circle in the center of the small poppy should be colored black, the small circle should be colored yellow. Cut out the large and small Poppy Flowers. Color the back of the poppies red. Roll each of the petals upwards to give them a little curve. Put a little bit of glue on the center of the big poppy, place the small poppy on the glue in the center, allow the glue to dry.

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