Memorial Day Lesson Plan
2nd Grade
# Wreaths Across America Lesson Plan

**Teacher:**

**Date:**

**Grade:** 2nd Grade

**Lesson:** Memorial Day

## OBJECTIVES

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<th>CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.2.7</th>
<th>Recruit in shared research and writing projects (e.g., read a number of books on a single topic to produce a report; record science observations).</th>
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<td>CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.2.8</td>
<td>Recall information from experiences or gather information from provided sources to answer a question.</td>
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## 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; copies of the Memorial Day Word Search; copies of the Memorial Day Poppy Wreath Coloring Sheet; copies of the Memorial Day Main Ideas Worksheet; copies of Make Your Own Poppy Out of Circles and Ovals 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.**


**PowerPoint and Video Reflection Questions:**

- What is Memorial Day?
- Who does Memorial Day honor?
- When do we observe Memorial Day?
- What was Memorial Day called originally?
- What is the difference in Veterans Day and Memorial Day?
- What time do Americans pause on Memorial Day to honor those who have died in the military?
- 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.**

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<td>sacrifice</td>
<td>Decoration Day</td>
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<td>bravery</td>
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## Elaborate:

**Students apply what they have learned.**

Students will answer the Oral Question and Answer video reflection questions from the *Memorial Day* video; students will complete the Memorial Day Word Search; and the Coloring Worksheet.

## Evaluate:

**Assessment.**

Memorial Day Main Ideas and Details Worksheet; Memorial Day Poppy Wreath Coloring Worksheet; Memorial Day Word Search; Memorial Day Main Ideas Worksheet

## Enrichment/Service-Learning Project

Students can complete the Make Your Own Poppy Out of Circles and Ovals 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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#### Memorial Day Main Idea and Details Worksheet

Read the Main Idea, write 4 details that support the Main Idea in the boxes below.

**Main Idea**

Memorial Day is an important holiday in the United States.

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# Memorial Day Poppy Wreath

Color the wreath, write 2 sentences inside the wreath about why we observe Memorial Day.
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Memorial Day Wordsearch Puzzle

Q A Z W S S X E D C R F V T G
N Y J M A U K S E R V I C E Y
O L P Q C A Z W C S X E A D R
H O N O R E C D O B S E R V E
P O P P I E S B R Y H N M M V
P S O L F A Z Q A W S X E E A
R E F V I B E D T A P S D C R
G R M J C G B N I J U O F L B
Y V H R E D P P O P M J O L R
T E D S W B C T N D V Q R X O
T M B N P A R A D E B G C N Q
R E S P E C T V A S D X E H T
Y R E C V Y U L Y H O F S D B
R M E M O R I A L D A Y B V S

Decoration Day  Bravery  Sacrifice  Honor  Parade
Service  Respect  Observe  Taps  Memorial Day
Armed Forces  Poppies  Red

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Answer Key Memorial Day Wordsearch Puzzle

Q A Z W S S X E D C R F V T G
N Y J M A U K S E R V I C E Y
O L P Q C A Z W C S X E A D R
H O N O R E C D O B S E R V E
R B F V I T G B R Y H N M M V
P S O L F A Z Q A W S X E E A
P O P P I E S D T A P S D C R
G R M J C G B N I J U O F L B
Y V H R E D P P O P M J O L R
T E D S W B C T N D V Q R X O
T M B N P A R A D E B G C N Q
R E S P E C T V A S D X E H T
Y R E C V Y U L Y H O F S D B
R M E M O R I A L D A Y B V S

Decoration Day Bravery Sacrifice Honor Parade
Service Respect Observe Taps Memorial Day
Armed Forces Poppies Red

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Make Your Own Poppy Out of Circles and Ovals!

**MATERIALS:** Red, Black, Yellow crayons; glue; scissors; green pipe cleaner

**DIRECTIONS:** Color the fronts of each shape according to the color marked. Cut out each of the shapes. Color the backs of the largest circle and the ovals red. Roll each of the petals around your pencil to give them a little curve. Glue the black circle in the center of the large circle, glue the yellow circle in the center of the black circle, allow the glue to dry. Glue the oval shapes on the outside edge of the large circle. Tape pipe cleaner to the back.
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How to Make Your Own Poppy Out of Circles and Ovals!

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