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## VETERANS DAY Reading Comprehension 4<sup>TH</sup> & 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE: 2 TEXTS

**All About Veterans Day**  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Veterans Day is a holiday honoring the people who have served in the United States Armed Forces. These people are known as veterans. This holiday is different from Memorial Day. Memorial Day specifically honors those who died serving in the US military.

**Context Clues**  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Using context clues from the text, determine the meanings of the words in the table.

Word	Context Clues	Definition
honoring		
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veterans		
specifically		
armistice		

**True or False**  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Directions: Cut out and read each statement. Sort each card based on whether the statement is true or false.

This is TRUE.	This is FALSE.

**Text Structure**  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
What text structure...  
What evidence...

**True or False Sort**  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Read each statement. Sort each card to the table based on whether the statement is true or false.  
Pick a card to begin!  
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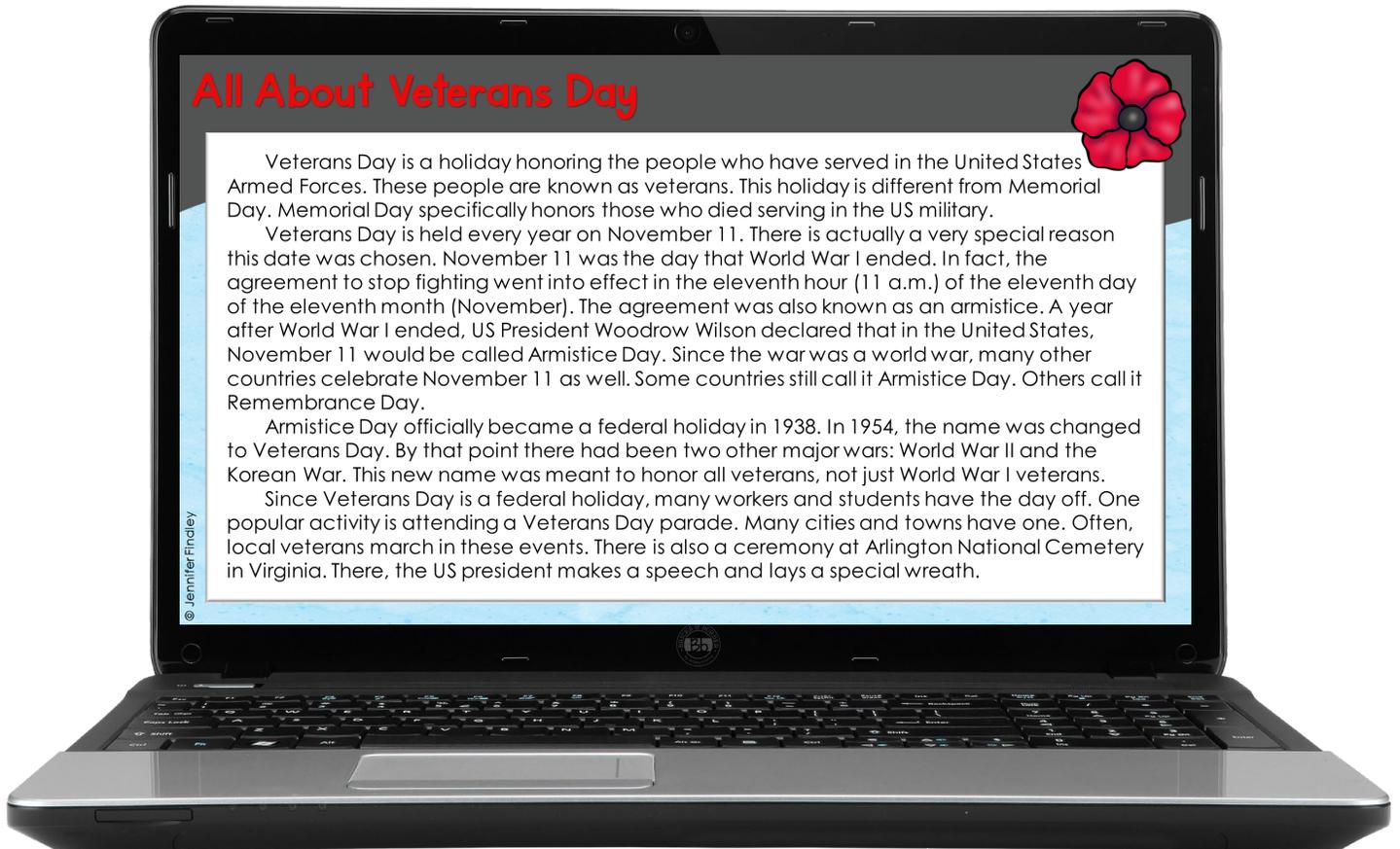
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# **All About Veterans Day**

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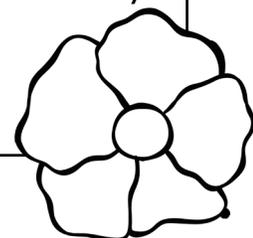
# All About Veterans Day

Veterans Day is a holiday honoring the people who have served in the United States Armed Forces. These people are known as veterans. This holiday is different from Memorial Day. Memorial Day specifically honors those who died serving in the US military.

Veterans Day is held every year on November 11. There is a very special reason this date was chosen. November 11 was the day that World War I ended. In fact, the agreement to stop fighting went into effect in the eleventh hour (11 a.m.) of the eleventh day of the eleventh month (November). The agreement was also known as an armistice. A year after World War I ended, US President Woodrow Wilson declared that in the United States, November 11 would be called Armistice Day. Since the war was a world war, many other countries celebrate November 11 as well. Some countries still call it Armistice Day. Others call it Remembrance Day.

Armistice Day became a federal holiday in 1938. In 1954, the name was changed to Veterans Day. By that point there had been two other major wars: World War II and the Korean War. This new name was meant to honor *all* veterans, not just World War I veterans.

Since Veterans Day is a federal holiday, many workers and students have the day off. One popular activity is going to a Veterans Day parade. Many cities and towns have one. Often, local veterans march in these events. There is also a ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia. There, the US president makes a speech and lays a special wreath.

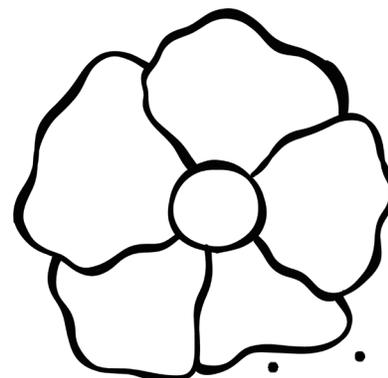


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# All About Veterans Day

Directions: Answer each question based on the story.

1. What is the difference between Veterans Day and Memorial Day?
2. Why is Veterans Day on November 11?
3. According to the text, how many major wars took place between World War I and 1954? What were their names?
4. Where does a special ceremony take place each year on Veterans Day?



# ANSWER KEY

## All About Veterans Day

Directions: Answer each question based on the story.

1. **What is the difference between Veterans Day and Memorial Day?**

Veterans Day honors all people who have served in the US military. Memorial Day honors people who died while serving in the US military.

2. **Why is Veterans Day on November 11?**

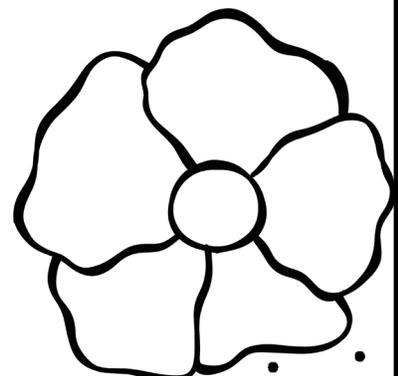
The agreement that ended World War I went into effect in the eleventh hour (11 a.m.) of November 11 (11/11).

3. **According to the text, how many major wars took place between World War I and 1954? What were their names?**

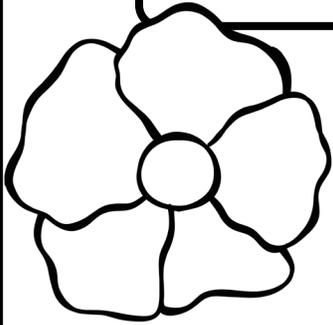
Two wars – World War II and the Korean War – took place between World War I and 1954.

4. **Where does a special ceremony take place each year on Veterans Day?**

The ceremony takes place at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia.



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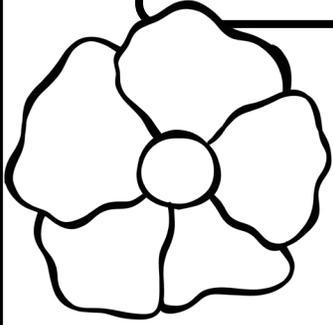


# Context Clues

Using context clues from the text, determine the meanings of the words in the table.

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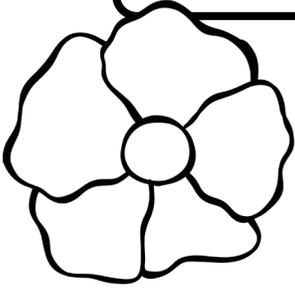


## Context Clues

Using context clues from the text, determine the meanings of the words in the table.

Word	Context Clues	Definition
honoring	Clues will vary.	showing respect for someone or something
served	Clues will vary.	worked for a branch of the military
veterans	Clues will vary.	people who served in the military during a war
specifically	Clues will vary.	indicating the exact purpose of something
armistice	Clues will vary.	an agreement to stop fighting a war
declared	Clues will vary.	announced or stated in an official way
ceremony	Clues will vary.	a formal event that happens on a holiday or other special occasion

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# True or False

Directions: Cut out and read each statement. Sort each card based on whether the statement is true or false.

This is <b>TRUE.</b>	This is <b>False.</b>



President William Howard Taft made November 11 a holiday.

Veterans Day takes place each year on November 11.

The name of the November 11 holiday was changed to Veterans Day in 1974.

Veterans Day is only celebrated in the United States.

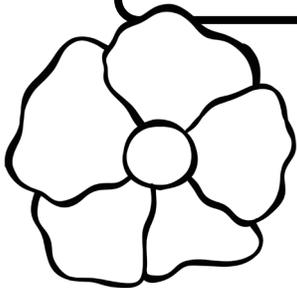
Armistice Day became a federal holiday in 1938.

The agreement that ended World War I was also called an armistice.

A ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery takes place each year on Veterans Day.

Most Americans celebrate Veterans Day with a family gathering and a feast.

# ANSWER KEY



## True or False

Directions: Cut out and read each statement. Sort each card based on whether the statement is true or false.

This is <b>TRUE.</b>	This is <b>False.</b>
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# **The Vietnam Veterans Memorial**

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# The Vietnam Veterans Memorial

Washington, D.C. is full of moving monuments. However, to many visitors, a monument that's tucked away to the side of the Lincoln Memorial might be the most powerful. The Vietnam Veterans Memorial is sometimes known simply as "The Wall." The memorial consists of a pair of long granite walls. They are connected at an angle. Each is about 250 feet long. One points toward the Lincoln Memorial. The other points toward the Washington Monument. Dedicated on Veterans Day in 1982, The Wall is visited by millions of people every year.

The two walls are inscribed with names. They represent over 58,000 servicemen and servicewomen who were killed or went missing during the Vietnam War. The names are listed in order by the date of death or disappearance. The order actually starts in the middle of the memorial with the first casualty in 1959. Then, names fill the first and second wall. They finish back in the middle. So, both the earliest and most recent casualties come together in the center of monument.

The dark stone used for the memorial is reflective, and the names appear lighter than the surrounding stone. When people visit The Wall, they can read the names and also see themselves in The Wall's surface. This was one of many interesting features that architect Maya Lin came up with for the memorial. Her design was picked out of over 1,400 submitted to a national contest. She was only twenty-one at the time. Another feature is that the walkway in front of The Wall descends toward the middle. There, The Wall is highest. Being lower down in front of all those names can have a powerful effect on visitors.



Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# The Vietnam Veterans Memorial

Directions: Answer each question based on the story.

1. Where is the Vietnam Veterans Memorial located?
2. What is the Vietnam Veterans Memorial made of?
3. How many names are inscribed on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial? Whose names are on the memorial?
4. Who designed The Wall? How many other people submitted designs for The Wall?



# ANSWER KEY

## The Vietnam Veterans Memorial

Directions: Answer each question based on the story.

1. Where is the Vietnam Veterans Memorial located?

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial is located near the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C.

2. What is the Vietnam Veterans Memorial made of?

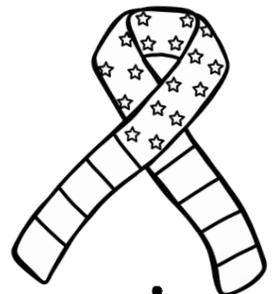
It is made of two granite walls that are joined at an angle.

3. How many names are inscribed on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial? Whose names are on the memorial?

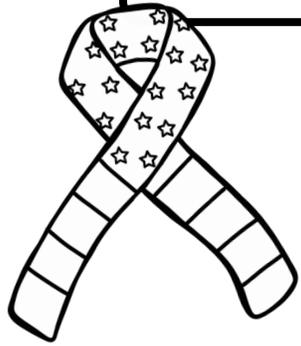
The memorial has more than 58,000 names of people who served in the military during the Vietnam War and either died or went missing.

4. Who designed The Wall? How many other people submitted designs for The Wall?

An architect named Maya Lin designed the wall. More than 1,400 people submitted designs.



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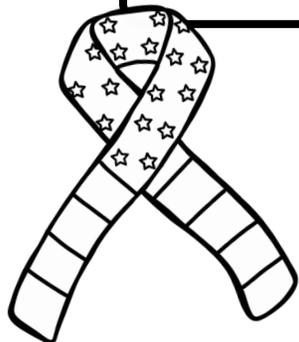


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<b>granite</b>		
<b>inscribed</b>		
<b>casualty</b>		
<b>reflective</b>		
<b>descends</b>		

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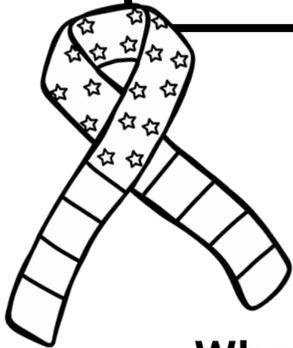


## Context Clues

Using context clues from the text, determine the meanings of the words in the table.

Word	Context Clues	Definition
<b>moving</b>	Clues will vary.	causing a strong emotion – usually sadness or sympathy
<b>tucked</b>	Clues will vary.	hidden
<b>granite</b>	Clues will vary.	a very hard rock often used in buildings and monuments
<b>inscribed</b>	Clues will vary.	written on or cut into something
<b>casualty</b>	Clues will vary.	a person who is hurt or killed, such as in a war
<b>reflective</b>	Clues will vary.	causing light, heat, or sound to move away or bounce back
<b>descends</b>	Clues will vary.	moves downward

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# Text Structure

What text structure is used to organize the details?

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What evidence supports the text structure you chose?

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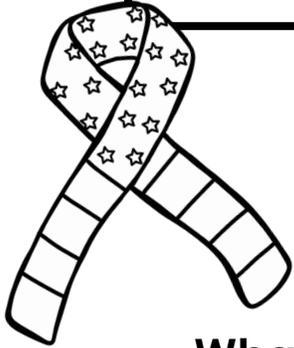
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## ANSWER KEY

# Text Structure



**What text structure is used to organize the details?**

The text uses a descriptive text structure to organize the details.

**What evidence supports the text structure you chose?**

Signal words and phrases that helped me determine the text structure are *consists of* and *features*, along with position words like *toward* and *in*. Also, a descriptive text structure includes many details that describe something. The text includes many details that describe the Vietnam Veterans Memorial and help the reader visualize it.

**The Vietnam Veterans Memorial**

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