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# Memorial Day - Answer Key

*Read each question and circle the correct answer.*

1. Memorial Day marks the unofficial start of

- A. the beginning of the school year.
- B. spring.
- C. the end of the school year.
- ☒ D. summer.

2. Which of the following is **\*\*not\*\*** a symbol of Memorial Day?

- A. yellow ribbons
- B. flags
- ☒ C. fireworks
- D. flowers

3. How do many towns in the United States celebrate Memorial Day?

- A. by planting flowers around their neighborhoods
- ☒ B. by having parades
- C. by baking cakes
- D. by holding Civil War reenactments

4. Who is honored on Memorial Day?

- A. all current members of the US military
- B. only soldiers who died during World War II
- ☒ C. all fallen US soldiers
- D. women who lived during the Civil War

5. In what month is Memorial Day celebrated?

- ☒ A. May
- B. June
- C. July
- D. August

6. When did the tradition of laying flowers on graves begin?

- A. after World War II
- ☒ B. during the Civil War
- C. during the War of 1812
- D. after World War I

7. What was Memorial Day first called?

- A. Memorandum Day
- ☒ C. Decoration Day
- B. Arlington Day
- D. May Day

8. When did Decoration Day begin to include all fallen soldiers?

- A. after World War II
- C. during the War of 1812
- B. during the Civil War
- ☒ D. after World War I

9. When did Memorial Day become a federal holiday?

- ☒ A. 1971
- C. 1945
- B. 1992
- D. 1918

10. Where do the president and vice president go on Memorial Day?

- ☒ A. Arlington National Cemetery
- C. Congress
- B. the Washington Monument
- D. the Lincoln Memorial