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Veterans Day

Use the text to answer each question below.

1. World War I (WWI) took place in Europe from 1914 to 1918. The United States and countries like Great Britain and France fought against Germany and other countries. During the mid-1900s, WWI was called the Great War. At the time, no one knew that there would be another world war. New technologies like machine guns, tanks and chemical weapons were first used during WWI. More than 9 million soldiers were killed, and 21 million were hurt. Woodrow Wilson, the US president at the time, referred to WWI as “the war to end all wars.” It was such a big, destructive war that he thought it would be the last one.

Which detail from the passage best supports the statement that World War I was a very destructive war?

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| A. “World War I (WWI) took place in Europe from 1914 to 1918.” | B. “At the time, no one knew that there would be another world war.” |
| C. “The United States and countries like Great Britain and France fought against Germany and other countries.” | D. “More than 9 million soldiers were killed, and 21 million were hurt.” |
2. An armistice is an agreement between the different sides of a war to stop fighting. An armistice doesn’t always mean that a war is over. It just means that the two sides have decided to stop fighting for a time so that they can figure out how to achieve peace. At 11 o’clock on November 11, 1918, the two sides fighting in WWI signed an armistice. In this case, the fighting did not start again. The war ended officially in June 1919.

Based on the passage, if two countries that are at war sign an armistice, then

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| A. the war between them is officially over. | B. the war between them just started. |
| C. the fighting between them will stop for some time. | D. they agree to never have another war. |

3. In November 1919, President Woodrow Wilson declared November 11th Armistice Day. He said that every year in November on the day the armistice had been signed, Americans would honor and thank the veterans who fought in WWI. A veteran is someone who ^^has served^^ in the military. The idea was that the holiday would be a day for parades and marches. At 11am, the time the armistice was signed, people would also stop working for a little bit. Armistice Day became a federal holiday in 1938.

What is the meaning of “has served” in the passage above?

- A. has done a certain job
- B. has given someone food or drink
- C. has been used in a certain way
- D. has thrown a ball in the air and hit it over a net

4. The Second World War, also known as World War II (WWII), began in 1939. WWII required more soldiers than any war before it. It lasted for six years and involved over 30 countries. About 70 million people died as a result of the war. After WWII, veteran service groups urged Congress to change the name of Armistice Day to Veterans Day. They felt that Armistice Day left people out. They wanted a holiday that honored all veterans from every war. In 1954, Congress changed the name of Armistice Day to Veterans Day. President Eisenhower signed the act that made it a holiday. Since then, Veterans Day has been a day to honor all American veterans for their patriotism, service and sacrifice.

What is the main idea of this passage?

- A. About 70 million people died as a result of World War II.
- B. After the large, destructive Second World War, Armistice Day was changed to include veterans from all wars.
- C. Congress and the president are allowed to change national holidays.
- D. The Second World War involved many countries, and many people died during it.

5. The Veterans Day National Ceremony is held every year at Arlington Cemetery. The ceremony starts at 11 o'clock when a wreath is laid on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier is a monument. It honors American veterans who died fighting but whose bodies were never found. The Veterans Day Ceremony also includes a parade and speeches by important figures. Across the country, people celebrate Veterans Day in different ways. Some schools and business close for the day or have a moment of silence at 11 o'clock. Groups may also organize parades.

Which of the following is the best title for the passage above?

- A. Veterans Day Parades
- B. The History of Arlington Cemetery
- C. How Veterans Day is Celebrated
- D. The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier