



Veterans Day

WH- questions are a great way to practice language skills while teaching our children the importance of Veterans Day!



WHAT?

Veterans Day is a holiday to honor, celebrate, and give thanks to our veterans for their sacrifices for our freedoms.

WHERE?

Veterans are everywhere. They can be our teachers, postal workers, doctors, store clerks, friends, and family.

WHEN?

Veterans Day is celebrated on November 11th every year. The reason it is celebrated on the 11th day of the 11th month is because the fighting in World War I ended on the 11th day of the 11th month at the 11th hour.

WHO?

Veterans are men and women who are serving or who have served in the Armed Forces... the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard. This means that they are a part of the United States military.

Army- The Army is the oldest and largest branch of military. The army uses troops on the ground to protect the United States. They have the largest helicopter wing of all the services.

Air Force- The Air Force protects America in the air, space, and cyberspace. They operate aircraft and helicopters. The Air Force provides air support during ground missions.

Navy- The Navy maintains freedom in the open seas. It defends our rights to use the oceans for travel and trade. Their aircraft carriers help the Air Force by giving them a runway at sea for their aircraft. Navy seals are some of the most elite fighters.

Marines- The Marines are trained to fight by sea and land. The Marine Corps is often the first service on the ground in combat situations.

Coast Guard- The Coast Guard protects America's coasts and waterways and deploys with the Navy during wars. During times of peace, they engage in

WHY?

We live in a country where we are free to choose who we want to be and what we want to do. Our troops protect our country so that those freedoms are not taken away. Our veterans are very brave as their job is dangerous and they risk their lives to keep us safe. Sacrifices that veterans make in order to do their job include traveling far from their families for long periods of time, which often makes them miss holidays, birthday, and special family events.

HOW?

We honor Veterans with special parades, thank you cards and letters, special meals, concerts, songs, and speeches. Schools, post offices, banks and many other businesses close and take a day off to honor Veterans Day. Other ideas are to visit a local American Legion or VFW post, make a care package to send to a veteran who is far away from home, or visiting veterans at a veterans hospital or retired veterans home.