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VETERANS DAY

The celebration of Veterans Day is held on November 11th every year in the United States. This day is set aside to honor and remember the military men and women who have served America, in any war and during peacetime.

Veterans Day was first called Armistice Day. Armistice Day signaled the end of World War I. World War I was fought from 1914-1918. Thirty-five countries fought in World War I. An armistice was signed on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, and this meant the war was over. Many countries were thrilled to hear that the war was over and that their soldiers would be coming home.

An unidentified American soldier was buried in Arlington National Cemetery on a hillside overlooking the Potomac River at 11:00 a.m. on November 11, 1921. His grave is called the "Tomb of the Unknown Soldier". On the same day, a soldier from France and a soldier from England were each also buried in their own countries, to give special recognition to the end of the war. In 1954, the U.S. Congress changed the name of the day from Armistice Day to Veterans Day.

The site of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier is where the U.S. government holds its annual Veterans Day ceremonies. Ceremonies are also held in many schools and churches on Veterans Day.

ANSWER THE QUESTIONS:

1. When is Veterans Day celebrated in the U.S.?

2. What did the signing of the armistice on November 11, 1918 mean? _____

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3. What was celebrated on November 11th before 1954?

4. Name two other countries that buried unknown soldiers on November 11, 1921.

_____ and _____

5. What signaled the end of World War I?

6. How many countries fought in World War I?

7. WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO HONOR VETERANS?

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Veterans Day- Answers

1. November 11th
2. the end of the war
3. Armistice Day
4. France and England
5. the signing of an armistice
6. 35
7. answers will vary; accept any reasonable answers