

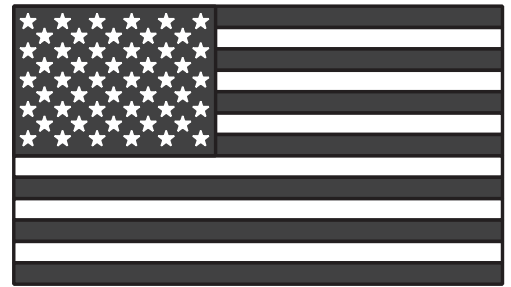
Memorial Day Fun

Memorial Day Facts

- Memorial Day is a patriotic holiday in the United States. It is celebrated on the last Monday in May each year.
- It began as a day to honor the men and women who died in the Civil War.
- On Memorial Day we honor all the men and women who have died in all the wars fought by the United States.
- Memorial Day is celebrated in many ways. Many businesses, schools, and banks close in honor of the holiday.
- Often, families go to the cemetery to add flags to the grave sites of war veterans.
- Parades and picnics are other ways this holiday is celebrated.

Memorial Day Fun Activities

1. Discuss the meaning of the word “memorial.”
2. Make flags to decorate the classroom or homes.
3. Invite a guest speaker from the military to visit the class.
4. Make cards for the veterans in the community.
5. Compose an acrostic poem with the word “memorial.”



Book List

Frost, Helen. *Memorial Day (National Holidays)*. Pebble Books, 2000.

Osborne, Mary Pope. *Civil War on Sunday*. Random House Books for Young Readers, 2000.

Sorensen Lynda. *Memorial Day (Holidays)*. The Rourke Book Co., Inc. 1994.

Memorial Day Sites

<http://www.usis.usemb.se/Holidays/celebrate/memorial.html>

Read about how this holiday was created to honor soldiers who fought for freedom for the United States.

<http://www.schoolexpress.com/>

Click on Social Studies, then Holidays, to find great printable worksheets and color pages about Memorial Day.

<http://www.geocities.com/Athens/Acropolis/1465/memorial.html>

This site has great pictures of the military and the Memorial Day celebration.

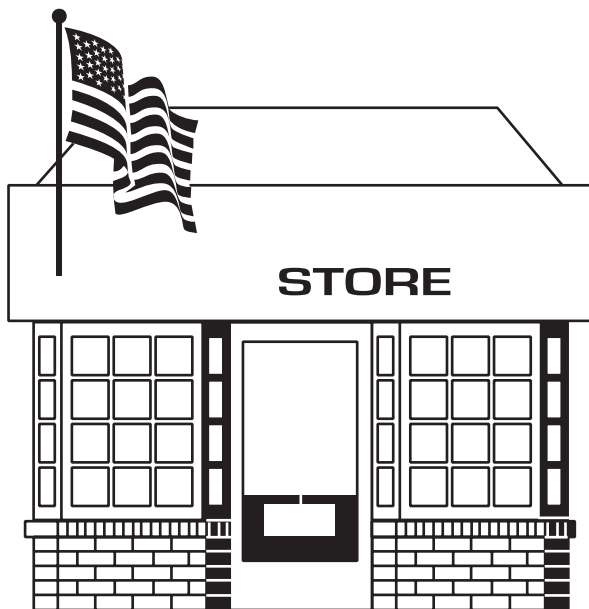
<http://userpages.aug.com/haywire/memday.html>

Learn about the origins of Memorial Day and view a picture of the “Unknown Soldier.” This site also contains information about the American Flag.

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for my
freedom!

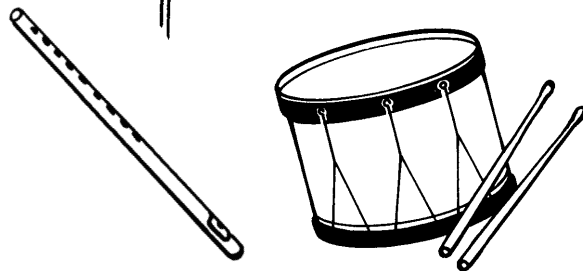
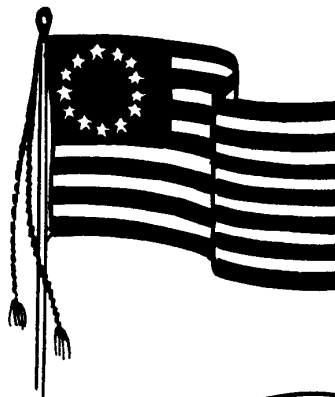
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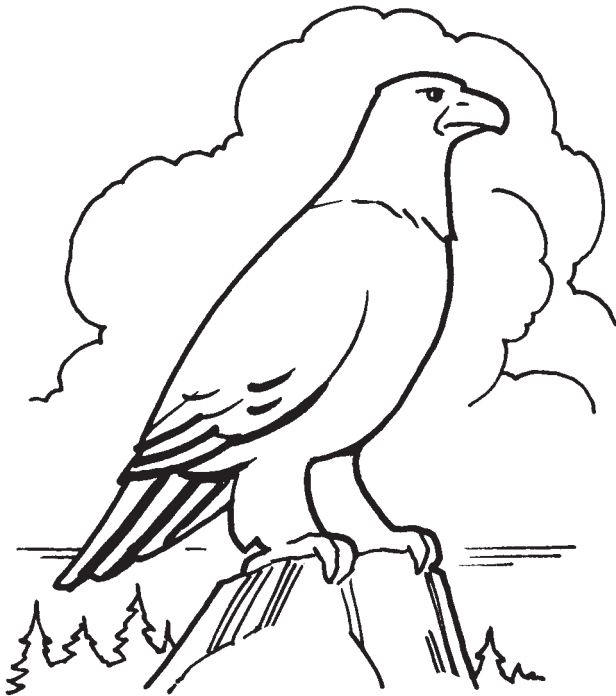
Many businesses close in honor
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Memorial Day is a patriotic holiday.

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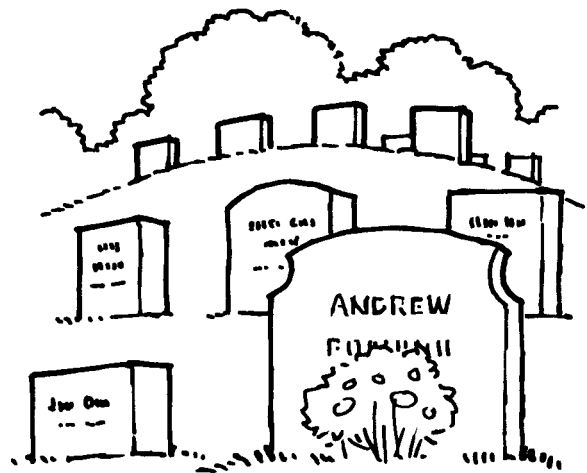
Some people hang the American flag outside their home.

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Today we honor all who have fought for our freedom.

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Memorial Day is celebrated on the last Monday in May.

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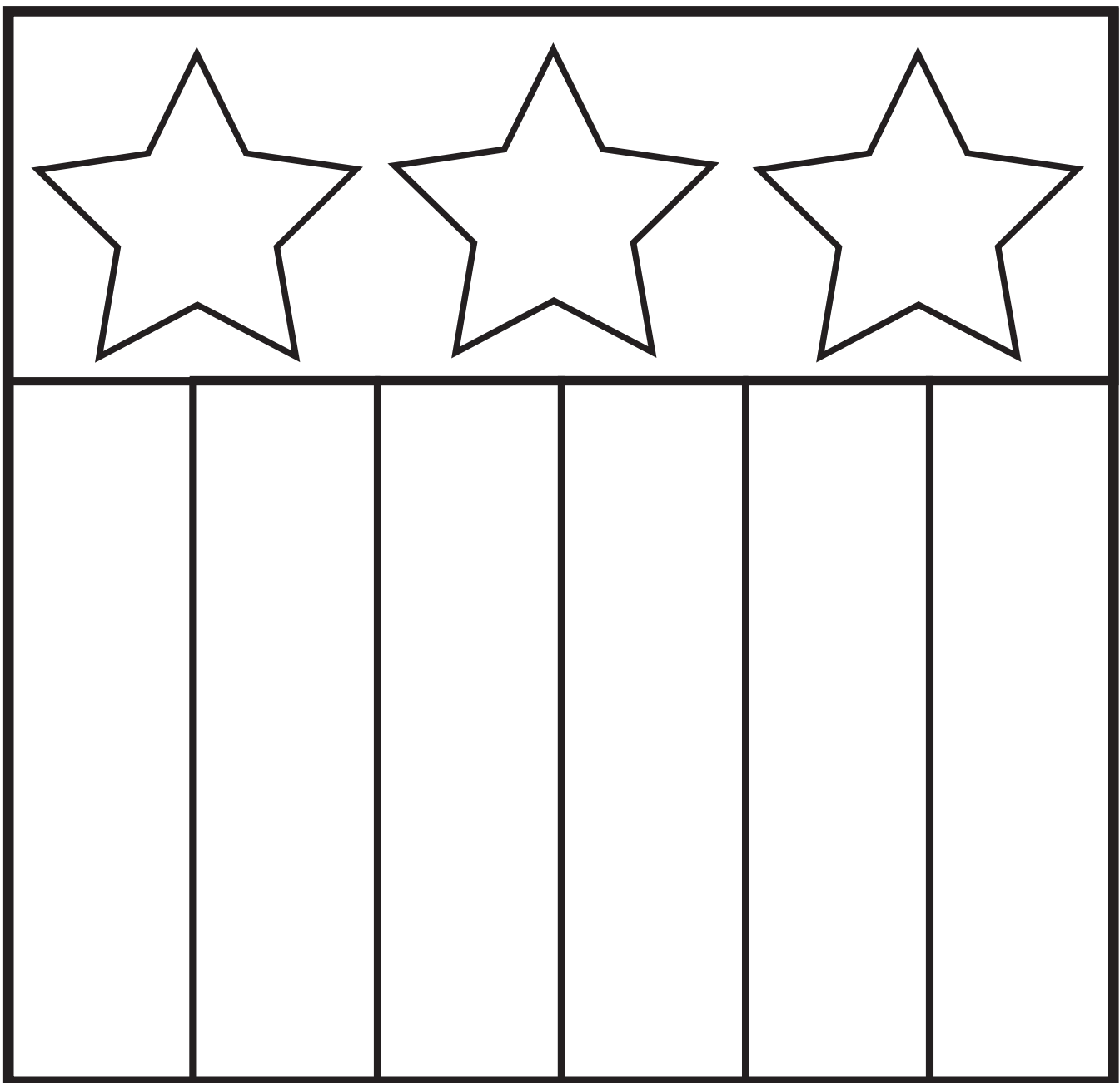
Memorial Day Pattern

Windsock

Teacher Directions: Copy two patterns per child onto white construction paper. After the student colors the patterns, have them connect them with tape. Form the combined patterns into a cylinder and staple it together. Use the pattern with page 69.

Directions

1. Color the patterns using red, white, and blue crayons. Connect them with tape.
2. Form a cylinder and staple together. (See page 69.)



Memorial Day Pattern *(cont.)*

Windsock *(cont.)*

Teacher Directions: Copy the pattern onto white construction paper. Use the pattern with page 68.

Directions

1. Color the strips red and blue. Cut out the four strips.
2. Attach them to the bottom of the cylinder.
3. Use string to hang up the windsock.

