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## Grateful Nation Answer Key

1. Veterans Day honors **living** veterans, while Memorial Day honors those who **died** during their service.
2. An armistice is an **agreement** to stop fighting.
3. It was changed to honor **all** veterans from all wars, rather than only those from World War I.
4. It represents the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, which is when the fighting in **World War I** ended.
5. People celebrate with **parades**, speeches, and ceremonies at places like the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

### Teacher Guide

This reading passage is designed to build literacy skills while teaching the historical context of a significant national holiday.

- **Engagement Tips**
  - Ask students to brainstorm a list of "freedoms" they enjoy, then connect those freedoms to the work of the military.
  - Play a recording of "Taps" or show a short video of the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier to provide visual/auditory context.
- **Differentiation for Grade 4**
  - Encourage students to **highlight** or underline the sentences where they find the answers to the questions.
  - Provide a word bank for the comprehension questions if students struggle with generating their own sentences.
- **Extension Ideas**
  - **Vocabulary Focus:** Explore the etymology of the word **veteran** (from the Latin "vets," meaning old or experienced).
  - **Creative Writing:** Have students imagine they are a reporter in 1954 interviewing Raymond Weeks about his idea to change the holiday.