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Veteran Verity Answer Key

1. **M** (Memorial Day is for those who died; Veterans Day is for all who served.)
2. **F** (The U.S. has had an all-volunteer force since 1973.)
3. **M** (Anyone who served on active duty and was discharged under conditions other than dishonorable is a veteran.)
4. **F** (The majority of military jobs are support roles that do not involve direct combat.)
5. **F** (The Space Force was added in 2019 as the sixth branch.)
6. **F** (It marks the 1918 armistice.)
7. **M** (Pensions usually require a minimum of 20 years of service.)
8. **M** (Women have served in various capacities since the Revolutionary War and were officially integrated in 1948.)
9. **F** (There are approximately 18 to 19 million veterans in the U.S.)
10. **M** (The military offers many programs, like the GI Bill and Tuition Assistance, for education during or after service.)

Teacher Guide

This worksheet challenges secondary students to look past stereotypes and understand the nuances of military life and veteran status.

- **Engagement Tips**
 - Use a "Four Corners" activity: read the statements aloud and have students move to different corners of the room based on whether they think it is a Fact or a Myth.
 - Discuss the **Space Force**. Many students may still believe this is a fictional concept or part of the Air Force.
 - Address the distinction between the "Draft" and "Volunteer" eras to provide historical context for statement number 2.
- **Extension Ideas**
 - **Data Analysis:** Have students look up the latest census data for veterans in their specific state and create a pie chart showing age ranges or branches of service.
 - **Guest Speaker:** Invite a local veteran to speak to the class, specifically asking them to describe a "typical day" to dispel the myth that every military job is combat-related.