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Purposeful Remembrance Answer Key

Since this is a writing task, answers will vary. A high-quality response should include the following elements:

- **Accuracy:** Mentions that Veterans Day honors all who served in the U.S. military.
- **History:** References the end of World War I (November 11) or the transition from Armistice Day to Veterans Day.
- **Clarity:** Distinguishes Veterans Day from Memorial Day (honoring the living versus the fallen).
- **Structure:** Contains a clear beginning, middle, and end with proper grammar.

Teacher Guide

This worksheet focuses on **expository writing** and historical analysis for middle and early high school students.

- **Engagement Tips**
 - Discuss the concept of a "National Holiday." Ask students why a government chooses to close offices and schools for specific events.
 - Use a "Gallery Walk" where students post their completed paragraphs on the wall so peers can read different perspectives on why the day is observed.
- **Extension Ideas**
 - **Comparative Analysis:** Have students research how other countries observe November 11 (such as Remembrance Day in Canada or the UK) and add a sentence comparing it to the U.S. tradition.
 - **Multimedia:** Have students record themselves reading their paragraph as a "Public Service Announcement" for the school morning news.