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Veteran Voices Answer Key

1. **Philosophy Shift:** The shift was moving from honoring the end of a single war (WWI) to honoring the enduring commitment of all service members across all eras.
2. **Civic Awareness:** It provides a window for the civilian population to understand and acknowledge the military world, especially since so few people currently serve.
3. **Moment of Silence:** It honors the historical end of WWI (11:00 AM) while providing a time for modern reflection on the veteran's current transition to civilian life.
4. **Totality of Service:** It refers to the idea that all military contributions are valuable, regardless of whether they occurred during war, peace, or in combat or non-combat roles.
5. **Hidden Front:** These challenges include mental health, finding employment, and translating military skills to civilian jobs.

Teacher Guide

This worksheet focuses on **textual analysis** and the synthesis of historical and sociological concepts suitable for high school students.

- **Engagement Tips**
 - Lead a classroom debate on whether the holiday should focus more on historical wars or the current needs of living veterans.
 - Use a "concept map" to connect the term "totality of service" to specific military roles like medic, engineer, and pilot.
- **Extension Ideas**
 - **Primary Source Synthesis:** Pair this article with an actual veteran's oral history from the Library of Congress Veterans History Project and ask students to find common themes.
 - **Policy Discussion:** Have students research the 1954 Act and discuss why a president like Eisenhower (himself a veteran) would be the one to sign it into law.