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Honoring Our History Answer Key

(1) World War I, known then as the Great War, ends on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month in **1918**.

(2) President Woodrow Wilson proclaims November 11 as the first **Armistice Day** to remember the end of the Great War.

(3) Congress passes a bill in **1938** to make Armistice Day a legal federal holiday dedicated to world peace.

(4) A World War II veteran named Raymond Weeks has the idea to expand the holiday to honor **all people** who served in the military.

(5) President Dwight D. Eisenhower signs a law to officially change the name of the holiday to **Veterans Day**.

Teacher Guide

This activity focuses on **sequencing** and **historical significance**. It helps students understand that holidays often evolve over time based on societal changes.

- **Engagement Tips**
 - Discuss the "Rule of 11" (11th hour, 11th day, 11th month). This mnemonic helps students remember the start of the holiday's history.
 - Use a physical string in the classroom to represent a timeline and have students clip the events onto it in order.
- **Differentiation for Grade 4**
 - Ask students to calculate the number of years between the end of World War I (1918) and the official name change to Veterans Day (1954).
 - Encourage students to write a sentence explaining **why** they think the name was changed from Armistice Day to Veterans Day.
- **Extension Ideas**
 - **Primary Source Look:** Show a digital copy of President Eisenhower's 1954 proclamation.
 - **Math Integration:** Create a bar graph showing how many decades the holiday has existed under its current name versus its original name.