

HOLIDAYS & SYMBOLS

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HOLIDAYS

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Major holidays are celebrated to remember certain important leaders and events of the past.

Terms to know - Holiday: A day on which something or someone is honored or remembered

Who are the people most associated with these holidays?

Columbus Day:

This is a day to remember **Christopher Columbus**, who was given the credit for discovering America. It is observed in **October**.

Presidents' Day:

This is a day to remember all United States **Presidents**, especially **George Washington** and **Abraham Lincoln**. It is observed in **February**.

Independence Day (Fourth of July):

This is a holiday to remember when America became a new country. It is sometimes called **America's birthday**. It is observed in **July**.

Why do we recognize Veterans Day and Memorial Day?

Veterans Day and **Memorial Day** honor people who have served to **protect the country's freedoms**.



Veterans Day:

This is a day for the recognition of and respect for **Americans who served in the military**. It is observed in **November**.

Memorial Day:

This is a day for the recognition of and respect for **Americans who died in wars** while they were serving their country. It is observed in **May**.



SYMBOLS

STANDARD 1.11 Symbols and traditional practices that honor and foster patriotism: the American flag, bald eagle, Washington Monument, and Statue of Liberty; demonstrate respect for the American flag by learning the Pledge of Allegiance.

How do citizens demonstrate respect for the American flag and the United States?

Pledge of Allegiance:

Citizens say the Pledge of Allegiance to **demonstrate respect** for the American flag and the United States.



Patriotic symbols and **traditions** honor the people and the history of the United States.

What are some patriotic symbols and traditions of the United States?

Patriotic symbols of the United States

- American flag
- Bald eagle
- Washington Monument
- Statue of Liberty

Terms to know

- **Symbol:** A picture or thing that stands for something else
- **Tradition:** A custom or belief that happens over a long period of time
- **Patriotic:** Showing respect for and love of country
- **American flag:** A flag representing the United States