

Lesson 3: Celebrations Across Our Nation

Vocabulary

Civil Rights Movement a drive for all people to be treated the same

Holidays for Freedom

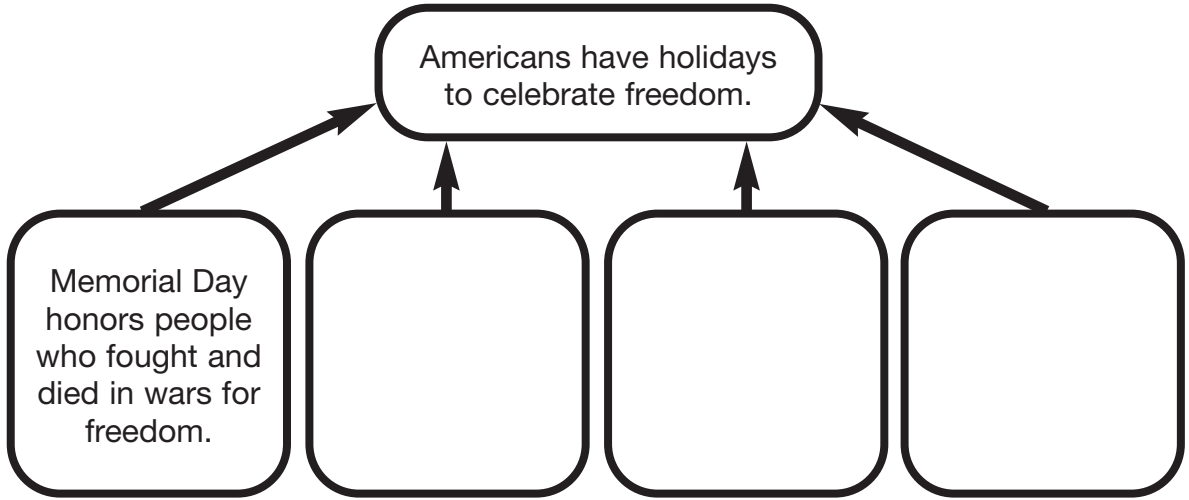
Many holidays honor freedom in the United States. Independence Day celebrates the founding of our country. Memorial Day honors people who fought and died in wars for freedom. Veterans Day honors people who fought for freedom. Martin Luther King Day also celebrates a fight for freedom. Dr. King led the **Civil Rights Movement**. This was a drive for all people to be treated the same. Dr. King used words to fight. He did not believe in violence. He wanted fair treatment of African Americans.

Being Thankful

Thanksgiving Day is another American holiday. People give thanks for the good things that happened that year. The settlers of Plymouth, Massachusetts, celebrated one of the first Thanksgivings in 1621. These settlers were called Pilgrims. Pilgrims had come from England to be free to practice their own religion. Their first winter had been very hard. The next fall, the Pilgrims wanted to give thanks to God. They were thankful for their good crops and for living through the winter. They also wanted to thank a group of Wampanoag Indians who had helped them. Today, we give thanks for what we have. Families celebrate by having a special meal together.

Lesson 3: Review

1. **Main Idea and Details** Fill in the diagram to show more details about the main idea.



2. What was the Civil Rights Movement?

3. How did Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., try to make changes in the United States?

4. Why did the Pilgrims come to America?

5. **Critical Thinking: Make Inferences** Why did the Pilgrims need help from the Wampanoag?
