











Holiday and Date to be observed for the 25-26 School Year. - Please document what you do in your classrooms.

● Constitution Day: 9/17/25—

Constitution Day Announcement

-  **Date Mentioned:**
Today is **Constitution Day**, observed each year on **September 17**.
-  **What It Is:**
Constitution Day honors the signing of the **U.S. Constitution** in **1787** — the document that created the foundation for our government and legal system.
-  **Brief History:**
The Constitution was signed in **Philadelphia** by **39 delegates** who gathered at the Constitutional Convention. It established three branches of government: the **Executive (President)**, **Legislative (Congress)**, and **Judicial (Supreme Court)**.
-  **Why It Matters:**
The Constitution protects the **rights and freedoms** of all Americans. It begins with the famous words: *"We the People,"* reminding us that we all play a role in our democracy.
-  **Student Takeaway:**
Constitution Day is a time to reflect on the importance of **laws, citizenship, and our responsibilities** as members of a free society.
- Mr. Walter - We discuss the constitution, its parts, importance and how it works today.

● Veteran's Day: 11/11/25 -

- **Veterans Day Announcement**
-  **Date Mentioned:**
Veterans Day is observed each year on **November 11**.
-  **What It Is:**
Veterans Day is a national holiday that honors **all military veterans** — men and women who have served in the **United States Armed Forces**.
-  **Brief History:**
Originally called **Armistice Day**, it began to mark the end of **World War I** on November 11, 1918. In 1954, the name was changed to **Veterans Day** to honor veterans of **all wars and military service**.
-  **Why It Matters:**
Veterans Day reminds us to show **respect and gratitude** to those who have served our country to protect our **freedom, peace, and safety**.
-  **Student Takeaway:**
Take a moment today to **thank a veteran** — in your family, school, or community — and remember the **sacrifices** they've made for our country.
- Mr. Walter - We discuss how the holiday started, the importance of honoring our veterans, my personal story, their personal stories, and the like.

● Thanksgiving Day: 11/27/25

- **Thanksgiving Day Announcement**
-  **Date Mentioned:**
Thanksgiving is celebrated on the **fourth Thursday of November** each year. In 2025, that's **November 27**.

- 🍁 **What It Is:**
Thanksgiving is a national holiday centered around **gratitude, family, and community**. It's a time when many people gather to **share a meal** and give thanks for the good things in their lives.
- 📖 **Brief History:**
The first Thanksgiving was celebrated in **1621** by the **Pilgrims and Wampanoag Native Americans** in Plymouth, Massachusetts, after a successful harvest. It became a national holiday in **1863**, when **President Abraham Lincoln** declared it a time for all Americans to give thanks.
- 🎯 **Why It Matters:**
Thanksgiving is a reminder to practice **gratitude**, recognize the importance of **kindness and togetherness**, and reflect on the things we are thankful for — big or small.
- 🧠 **Student Takeaway:**
- As we head into Thanksgiving break, take time to **appreciate your family, friends, and teachers**, and maybe even start a tradition of sharing what you're thankful for.



● **Native American Day: 11/26/25**

- **Native American Day Announcement**
- 📅 **Date Mentioned:**
Native American Day is observed on the **second Monday in October** in some states, or the **fourth Friday in September** in others — including **South Dakota**, where it's an official state holiday. (Be sure to use the date your state recognizes.)
- 🌍 **What It Is:**
Native American Day honors the **history, culture, and contributions of Indigenous peoples** — the first inhabitants of North America.
- 📖 **Brief History:**
This day was created as an alternative to Columbus Day to recognize the rich traditions, resilience, and lasting impact of **Native American communities**. South Dakota was the first state to replace Columbus Day with Native American Day in **1990**.
- 🎯 **Why It Matters:**
It's a time to **celebrate Native cultures, learn from their stories**, and acknowledge the challenges they've faced — while honoring their strength and ongoing contributions to society.
- 🧠 **Student Takeaway:**
Take time today to **learn something new** about a Native American tribe, language, or tradition — and remember the importance of **respecting and honoring all cultures**.
- Mr. Walter - We discuss this day during our conversations about Andrew Jackson and his native policies and where we eventually progressed to this day being practice.






● **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday: 1/19/26**

- **Martin Luther King Jr. Day Announcement**
- 📅 **Date Mentioned:**
Martin Luther King Jr. Day is observed on the **third Monday of January** each year. In 2026, it falls on **January 19**.
- 🍌 **What It Is:**
This national holiday honors **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.**, a civil rights leader who fought for **equality, justice, and nonviolence** during the 1950s and 1960s.
- 📖 **Brief History:**
Dr. King is best known for his role in ending segregation and promoting civil rights through





peaceful protests. His famous “**I Have a Dream**” speech called for a world where people are judged by their character, not the color of their skin. The holiday was signed into law in **1983** and first observed in **1986**.


-  **Why It Matters:**
Martin Luther King Jr. Day reminds us of the importance of **kindness, courage, and standing up for what’s right** — values that continue to shape our world today.
-  **Student Takeaway:**
Honor Dr. King's legacy by practicing **respect, inclusion, and service** — not just today, but every day.
 - i. Video Provided and Showed by Teachers:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q9spMeeBPPY&authuser=0>

● **Abraham Lincoln’s birthday: 2/12/26**






- **Abraham Lincoln’s Birthday Announcement**
-  **Date Mentioned:**
Abraham Lincoln’s birthday is celebrated on **February 12** each year.
-  **What It Is:**
This day honors **Abraham Lincoln**, the **16th President of the United States**, who led the country during the **Civil War** and worked to end **slavery**.
-  **Brief History:**
Born in **1809**, Lincoln is remembered for his leadership, honesty, and dedication to freedom and equality. He delivered the famous **Gettysburg Address** and signed the **Emancipation Proclamation**, which helped abolish slavery in the U.S. Many states used to celebrate his birthday as a holiday, and today it is often recognized as part of **Presidents’ Day**.
-  **Why It Matters:**
Lincoln’s life reminds us that **leadership, integrity, and courage** can make a lasting difference — even during the most difficult times in history.
-  **Student Takeaway:**
Take time today to reflect on how **standing up for what is right** — like Lincoln did — can help create a better and more united future.
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● **George Washington’s Birthday: 2/16/2026**






- **George Washington’s Birthday Announcement**
-  **Date Mentioned:**
George Washington’s birthday is celebrated on **February 22**, but it is often observed as part of **Presidents’ Day** on the **third Monday in February**.
-  **What It Is:**
This day honors **George Washington**, the **1st President of the United States**, known as the “**Father of Our Country**” for his leadership in the founding of the nation.
-  **Brief History:**
Born in **1732**, Washington was the commander of the **Continental Army** during the American Revolution and later became the nation’s first president in **1789**. He helped shape the new government and set many traditions we still follow today. Washington chose not to run for a third term, setting an example of peaceful leadership.
-  **Why It Matters:**
Washington's legacy teaches us the value of **leadership, responsibility, and service to others**, and how one person’s actions can help guide a nation.

-  **Student Takeaway:**
As you go through your day, think about how **strong character and good choices**, like Washington showed, can help you lead and inspire others.
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● **Malcolm X Day: 5/19/26**

- **Malcolm X Day Announcement**
-  **Date Mentioned:**
Malcolm X Day is observed in some parts of the U.S. on **May 19**, the birthday of **Malcolm X**. While not a federal holiday, it is officially recognized in places like **Berkeley, California**, and proposed in others.
-  **What It Is:**
Malcolm X Day honors the life and legacy of **Malcolm X**, a powerful voice for **Black empowerment, civil rights, and justice** during the 1950s and 1960s.
-  **Brief History:**
Born in **1925** as Malcolm Little, he became a national figure as a leader in the **Nation of Islam**, and later as an independent activist. He encouraged Black Americans to take pride in their identity and to demand equal rights "by any means necessary." His ideas challenged the nation to face issues of **racism, inequality, and oppression** head-on.
-  **Why It Matters:**
Malcolm X's legacy pushes us to think critically about **justice, equality, identity**, and the different ways leaders can create change in their communities.
-  **Student Takeaway:**
Today is a chance to **learn more**, ask questions, and reflect on how you can help build a world where everyone is treated **fairly and with respect**.

● **Memorial Day: 5/25/26**

- **Memorial Day Announcement**
-  **Date Mentioned:**
Memorial Day is observed on the **last Monday in May** each year. In 2026, it will be observed on **May 25**.
-  **What It Is:**
Memorial Day is a national holiday that honors the **men and women of the U.S. military who died in service** to their country.
-  **Brief History:**
Originally called **Decoration Day**, it began after the **Civil War** as a way to honor fallen soldiers by decorating their graves with flowers and flags. It officially became **Memorial Day** in **1971**, a time for Americans to **remember and reflect** on the sacrifices made for our freedoms.
-  **Why It Matters:**
Memorial Day reminds us of the **bravery and sacrifice** of those who gave their lives to protect the United States. It's not just a day off — it's a day to honor and remember our fallen heroes.
-  **Student Takeaway:**
Take a moment today — or during the long weekend — to **pause, reflect, and show gratitude** for those who gave everything so that we can live in freedom.