

# The H.O.T. Spot

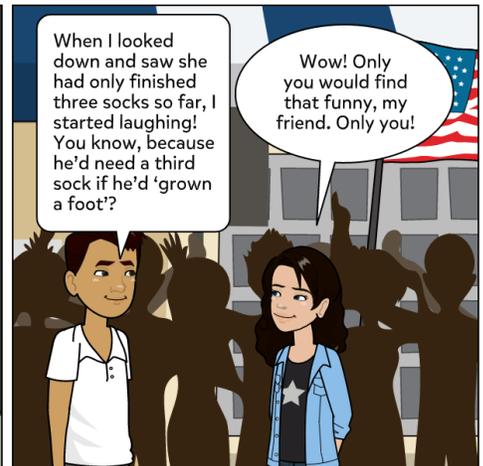
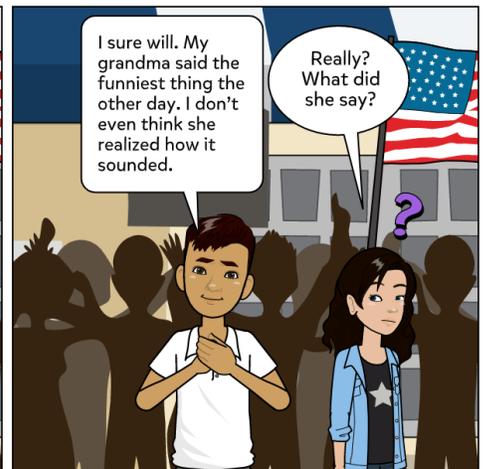
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**CAUTION:** Participation may lead to a lack of boredom and a tired brain!

FEATURED TOPIC THIS WEEK:  
**Veteran's Day**





# Veteran's Day

## Did You Know?

Before November 11<sup>th</sup> was called *Veteran's Day*, it was known as *Armistice Day*. An armistice is a temporary pause in fighting between countries at war. The first Armistice Day was celebrated in 1919 to mark the one-year anniversary of the end of fighting in World War 1. Armistice Day became a national holiday in 1938, but was changed to Veteran's Day in 1954. The change in name occurred so that the day could officially celebrate Americans who have fought in ANY war, not just in World War 1.

## Help Wanted

*The Army Corp of Engineers* is a division of the U.S. military that deals with disaster response, flood control, navigation, and other engineering and environmental science projects around the world.

### *Requirements*

- Civilians, as well as military personnel can apply to join the Corp.
- Civilian employees need a bachelor's degree.

### *Necessary Skills*

- Problem-solving and creativity
- Function well in a team environment

### *Daily Tasks*

- Work outside building a dam, levee, road, etc.
- Review environmental laws to make sure they are being followed

## Bio-Profile



**President Woodrow Wilson** (1856-1924) was the 28<sup>th</sup> President of the United States. In 1919, he became the first President to celebrate Armistice Day. Before becoming President of the U.S. in 1912, he served as the president of Princeton University and the Governor of New Jersey. To learn more about President Wilson, click the word 'link' here → [LINK](#)

## Mystery Picture of the Week

Can you name this famous memorial in Washington D.C.?  
After doing your research, turn your paper upside down to check your answer.



This is the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial. It is a 246 foot wall containing the names of 58,000 Americans who died in the Vietnam War. To read more information about the wall, click the word 'link' here -> [LINK](#)

## Virtual Field Trip

Take a tour of D.C.'s Veterans and War Memorials:  
[https://artsandculture.google.com/exhibit/virtual-tour-of-united-states-veterans-and-war-memorials-national-park-service/0gLi-5a\\_nJB3Kw?hl=en](https://artsandculture.google.com/exhibit/virtual-tour-of-united-states-veterans-and-war-memorials-national-park-service/0gLi-5a_nJB3Kw?hl=en)

## Would You Rather

Write a thank you letter to a veteran  
OR interview a veteran about their life?



What do you think the featured topic should be next week? Email your teacher with your thoughts.

## Project-Based Bonanza

Choose one or more of the projects below to complete this week.

### **CHOICE A**

There are many people who have helped American soldiers win wars without ever stepping a foot on the battlefield. One great example from World War II was the film star and inventor Hedy Lamarr. Click here to learn more about her contributions to the war effort → [LINK](#)

### **CHOICE B**

The U.S. Air Force often uses exponents to express large numbers much more easily

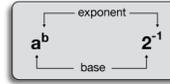


Figure out the value of each of the numbers below. Use a calculator if you need help.

- $10^6$
- $9^8$
- $23^4$

### **CHOICE C**

The red poppy is widely known around the world as a symbol of the sacrifice veterans made in WWI. Watch the short video here to find out why → [LINK](#)

When you are finished, create your own paper poppy or draw/paint a field of red poppies in remembrance.



## Story Starters

Choose one of the story starters below!

- A. Imagine you are a member of the USO organization (the group that makes it their mission to entertain the troops around the world) and you are getting ready to perform. What will you perform and how does it go?
- B. Write a THANK YOU letter to someone who was or is currently in the military. Make sure to include all required parts of a friendly letter (greeting, body, closing, and signature).
- C. Interview a family member who was in the military and tell their story.

## Digging Into Depth and Complexity

Based on what you have learned from this H.O.T. Spot about Veteran's Day, answer the following questions using the depth and complexity icons.



How has Veteran's Day CHANGED OVER TIME?



What UNANSWERED QUESTIONS do you have about the Army Corp of Engineers?



In your opinion, when is it ETHICAL to fight a war and when is it not?



Compare and contrast the DETAILS of Veteran's Day with those of Memorial Day. How are they alike and different?

## Brain Teaser of the Week

Solve this riddle!

Which month do soldiers dislike the most? Here is a clue:

