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Memorial Day Essay

Imagine a country without the military, defenseless against outside attacks. This would be what the United States would be like without the veterans. Memorial Day honors the people who died in service for the country. They are crucial to help the country survive.

Memorial Day started after the Civil War, when people wanted to remember the veterans that had fought in the military. It was originally called Decoration Day, as people would decorate the graves of the deceased soldiers, but it was changed to Memorial Day after World War II. The U.S. recognized it as an official holiday in 1967. The difference between Memorial Day and Veterans Day is that Memorial Day is for the people who died in the military, and Veterans Day is for all veterans. The reason why Memorial Day is on the last Monday of May is because there are no battles with anniversaries on any of these days. This means that those days have always been a day of peace, not war.

Memorial Day is important because soldiers defend the country. While defending the country, some of these people are killed. They made the decision to sacrifice their own lives for the country. Not everybody could do such a thing. Therefore, there should be a day for honoring these people. Many veterans have been killed during wars. In the two World Wars combined, over 500,000 Americans died in service, which is about 0.5% of the Americans at that time. Those people protected the whole U.S. population!

In conclusion, Memorial Day is about the soldiers who are no longer with us, the people who died serving our country. Without these courageous people, this country would not be what it is now.