Memorial Day Trivia

What do you know about Memorial Day? Discover this Alan's FUN Holiday Trivia Quiz. "Check Your Answers" at the end of the quiz.

1. What day in May is Memorial Day Celebrated?
   - First Tuesday in May
   - Last Monday in May
   - Last Thursday in May

2. What was formerly Memorial Day called?
   - Veterans Day
   - Decoration Day
   - Confederate Memorial Day

3. What year (many experts believe) was the first Memorial Day observed?
   - 1864
   - 1865
   - 1866

4. Where was the first "official" Memorial Day observed?
   - Charleston, South Carolina
   - Washington, DC
   - Waterloo, New York

5. On May 5, 1868, in his capacity as commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, a veterans' organization, he issued a proclamation that "Decoration Day" be observed nationwide. Who was the former general?
   - Ulysses S. Grant
   - William T. Sherman
   - John A. Logan

6. May 30 was selected as Decoration Day, first observed because it was NOT an anniversary of a battle.
   - True or False?
7. What were decorated in remembrance of this day?

Tombs of fallen Union soldiers
Cemeteries of family
State Capitals

8. Memorial Day was first used in 1882. However, the name was not used until after what war?

World War I
World War II
Korean War

9. On June 28, 1968, the United States Congress passed the Uniform Holidays Bill, which moved three holidays from their traditional dates to a specified Monday in order to create a convenient three-day weekend. Memorial Day is considered the start of what?

Holidays
Summer
Spring

10. What is one of the longest standing traditions which has been held in conjunction with Memorial Day since 1911?

Indianapolis 500
Arizona Rodeo Days
Washington DC Apple Blossom Festival

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Last Monday in May
Decoration Day
1865
Waterloo
John A. Logan
True
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Your silent tents of green; We deck with fragrant flowers; Yours has the suffering been, The memory shall be ours.
— Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, Decoration Day