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Instructions: Read each question carefully and choose the best answer.

1. How is Kyle's grandmother's town different from the city where Kyle lives?
 - Ⓐ All the buildings in his grandmother's town are new.
 - Ⓑ Everyone seems to know each other in his grandmother's town.
 - Ⓒ Nobody says hello in his grandmother's town.
 - Ⓓ All of the above
2. How did Kyle feel after reading the inscription on the grave of the nineteen-year-old soldier?
 - Ⓐ sad
 - Ⓑ angry
 - Ⓒ creepy
 - Ⓓ silly
3. Why had Kyle never been to a parade before?
 - Ⓐ They didn't have them in his city.
 - Ⓑ He only wanted to watch them on television.
 - Ⓒ His parents usually worked on holidays and couldn't take him.
 - Ⓓ He didn't like parades.
4. How do you think Kyle felt when his grandmother told him he could ride on the fire truck?
 - Ⓐ scared
 - Ⓑ excited
 - Ⓒ confused
 - Ⓓ angry
5. Read this sentence: *Memorial Day can be a **solemn** occasion.* What does **solemn** mean?
 - Ⓐ happy or exciting
 - Ⓑ serious or sad
 - Ⓒ important
 - Ⓓ fun

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6. When did the Memorial Day tradition begin in the United States?
 - Ⓐ 1971
 - Ⓑ after World War II
 - Ⓒ before the Civil War
 - Ⓓ 1868
7. Why were the Boy Scouts putting flags on the graves?
 - Ⓐ to decorate them
 - Ⓑ to honor the dead soldiers
 - Ⓒ to continue the tradition
 - Ⓓ all of the above
8. What is not a detail about Memorial Day?
 - Ⓐ Memorial Day is celebrated in May in the United States.
 - Ⓑ Every country plants poppies on Memorial Day.
 - Ⓒ Memorial Day is to honor soldiers who fought for their country.
 - Ⓓ Some towns and cities have parades on Memorial Day.
9. *Memorial Day* is an example of _____.
 - Ⓐ a poem
 - Ⓑ a play
 - Ⓒ a fiction story
 - Ⓓ a biography
10. When a person serves in the armed forces of a country, he or she is a _____.
 - Ⓐ carpenter
 - Ⓑ firefighter
 - Ⓒ soldier
 - Ⓓ teacher
11. **Extended Response:** What do you think was the most important thing Kyle learned about Memorial Day? Explain in your own words.

Quick Check Answer Sheet

Memorial Day

Main Comprehension Skill: Analyze Character

1. Ⓑ Compare and Contrast
2. Ⓐ Analyze Character
3. Ⓒ Cause and Effect
4. Ⓑ Analyze Character
5. Ⓑ Vocabulary
6. Ⓓ Sequence Events
7. Ⓓ Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
8. Ⓑ Main Idea and Details
9. Ⓒ Identify Genre
10. Ⓒ Vocabulary
11. Answers will vary but might include: *he learned it's a day to honor dead soldiers, it is a solemn day but can be fun too, many countries have a Memorial Day tradition, and so on.*