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## From Armistice Day to Veterans Day: A Timeline and Quiz

*The documentary video traces the path of the national veterans holiday throughout the twentieth century. Students will find it helpful to fill out the following timeline and identification chart as they are watching the program in order to chart the progression of this holiday and see how it became the holiday we celebrate today.*

*World War I, also known as the "Great War" was officially concluded on the 11th hour of the 11th day of November in the year \_\_\_\_\_. On November 11th of the following year President \_\_\_\_\_ declared an Armistice Day in honor of the peace. "Armistice" is defined as \_\_\_\_\_. The day was marked with public celebrations and a two minute halt to business at 11 AM. In 1921 the Tomb of the \_\_\_\_\_ Soldier was dedicated in Arlington Cemetery with a ceremony on November 11th. After this dedication, Armistice Day was adopted in many states and at the federal level as a day to honor veterans. This was made official in the year \_\_\_\_\_ when Congress made Armistice Day a national holiday. In 1954, President \_\_\_\_\_ changed the name of Armistice Day to Veterans Day. In the year \_\_\_\_\_ Congress enacted legislation making Veterans Day the fourth in October as of 1971. For several years, Veterans Day was observed in October by many states but in 1978 it was returned to November 11th. Today, Veterans Day is still observed on November 11th as a national holiday to honor all veterans of the United States Armed Forces.*