Veterans Day History

Choose one answer per question. Circle A, B, C, or D.

1. What is the traditional date of U.S. Veterans Day?
   A. November 11
   B. October 11
   C. November 1
   D. November 21

2. A town plans to thank living former service members, including people who served in peacetime. Which U.S. holiday fits that purpose best?
   A. Independence Day
   B. Memorial Day
   C. Veterans Day
   D. Flag Day

3. In the original name Armistice Day, what does an armistice mean?
   A. A declaration establishing a new country
   B. An agreement to stop fighting
   C. An agreement to fix tariff rates
   D. A law creating a new public holiday

4. Which spelling does the Department of Veterans Affairs use for this U.S. holiday?
   A. Veteran Day
   B. Veterans’ Day
   C. Veteran’s Day
   D. Veterans Day

5. Congress created the Veterans History Project at the Library of Congress in 2000. What does the project collect?
   A. The schedules for official Veterans Day parades
   B. Veterans’ firsthand accounts of their service
   C. Applications to observe a federal holiday
   D. Voting records from veterans’ organizations

6. Which U.S. president issued the message marking the first Armistice Day anniversary in November 1919?

A. Woodrow Wilson
B. William Howard Taft
C. Warren G. Harding
D. Calvin Coolidge

7. In 1947, Raymond Weeks organized a November 11 parade to honor veterans. In which city did the parade take place?

A. Savannah, Georgia
B. Mobile, Alabama
C. Jackson, Mississippi
D. Birmingham, Alabama

8. A 1926 congressional resolution invited the public to mark November 11 with ceremonies in schools, churches, and other venues. What did Congress ask the president to call for at federal government buildings?

A. Open all federal offices for public tours.
B. Read the same speech from the steps of every building.
C. Display the U.S. flag.
D. Install a permanent plaque on every exterior wall.

9. The 1938 statute made November 11 a legal holiday called Armistice Day. To what cause did the law explicitly dedicate the day?

A. World peace
B. Public education
C. International trade
D. Historic preservation

10. At the national Veterans Day ceremony, what does the president or a representative place at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier?

A. A copy of the holiday proclamation
B. A folded parade banner
C. An inscribed stone
D. A wreath

11. An exhibit label says the 1954 act introduced a new November date as part of renaming Armistice Day. What does Public Law 380 actually show?

A. It created a second November holiday and kept Armistice Day separate.
B. It changed the date to November 11 and kept the name Armistice Day.
C. It replaced the word Armistice with Veterans in the earlier law and kept November 11.
D. It adopted Veterans Day as the name and set the date as the last Monday of November.

12. A researcher reads Dwight D. Eisenhower’s 1954 Veterans Day proclamation after reading the act of Congress. What responsibility did the proclamation assign to the Administrator of Veterans’ Affairs?

A. Select a new date for Congress to consider each year.
B. Chair a committee that would coordinate planning for the national observance.
C. Supervise local ceremonies while leaving national coordination to state governors.
D. Manage only the flag display at the White House.

13. A federal calendar marks Veterans Day on the fourth Monday of October in 1976 and on November 11 in 1978. Which explanation fits both entries?

A. The law restoring November 11 took effect in 1975, but it specifically exempted every year ending in six.
B. The same federal law required an October observance in even-numbered years and a November observance in odd-numbered years.
C. The October rule was permanent, and the 1978 entry marks a one-time federal exception.
D. The law restoring November 11 took effect in 1978, so the October rule still applied in 1976.

14. A VA certificate recognizes a town event as a Veterans Day Regional Site. A historian wants to know which advertised activities took place. What additional evidence would best answer that question?

A. Dated photographs and local reporting from the day of the event
B. A second copy of the mailed recognition certificate
C. A copy of the rules for the national Veterans Day poster contest
D. An earlier list of towns that applied for regional recognition

15. A November 2022 Congressional Record statement describes two milestones for the National Native American Veterans Memorial. Which exhibit label matches the account?

A. The memorial first opened and was formally dedicated on the same day in 2022.
B. The memorial was formally dedicated in 2020 and first opened in 2022.
C. The memorial opened in 2020 and was formally dedicated in 2022.
D. The 2020 and 2022 dates both mark openings at different locations.