

## Sampling of Grade 5 Reflections on Significance of Memorial Day

### *Brave Marine*

*There was a brave marine,  
strong and kind.  
who always kept  
his family in mind.  
As he trained day  
after day  
he never forgot  
to pray  
For his family so far away.*

*That marine came  
back one day.  
He saw his family  
that he missed so much.  
Even when he was home  
he never forgot  
to pray.*

**Amanda Desroches**

### *Always Remember*

*We always remember the people  
That go overseas to fight*

*They're far away and in battle,  
But in our hearts they shine bright.  
They hear a gunshot behind them,  
As loud as the crack of a tree,  
And there lay a soldier beside them  
That helped make America free.  
Men and women sacrificed  
Every single day  
So remember them on this special date  
It's definitely the best way.*

**Shannon Jennings**

### *Carry On*

*Guns are firing.  
Bombs are exploding and cannons are going off.  
You can hear the screams,  
And feel the excruciating pain.  
Bullets are soaring inches above your head.  
Silent tears are streaming down family members' cheeks.  
As you fight, you think of your homeland.  
Why are we at war?  
And what about the flag?  
Or our community?  
We are Americans,  
Who gave their lives.  
Their time.  
Their freedom.  
Their opportunities,  
To serve us during war.  
They make sure we are safe.  
These men and women*

*Are carrying our flag of red, white, and blue.  
And of stars and stripes,  
Of wishes and of hope to safety  
We must pray for those veterans  
Who gave,  
Who served,  
Who looked after us.  
May we carry on what they started!*

**Brooklynn Hayes**

### *The Blessed Flag*

**Ever since the amazing bloody battle of Fort McHenry in the grand state of Maryland in the year of 1814, the shining red, white, and blue flag has represented this wonderful country known as the United States of America. To my young and curious self, this piece of cloth is one of the many things that makes our country magnificent. I think the main reason that we, the people of the U.S.A., respect this wrinkled old piece of history is because, basically, without our flag, all we have is freedom and hot dogs. Also, what happened in 1814 shows that this flag has more than just stitches; it has the powerful thing in the universe; it has the power of God. The power of God is the amazing power that saved the scared Americans of Maryland. Over the years of this wonderful country, presidents and citizens have been wondering what does this old rag symbolize for this country? Well, be quiet and point your ears in my direction and hear this! This rag symbolizes us, our country, hot dogs, and our freedom. We, the people of America, stand tall, brave, and are ready to fight for this amazing country known as the U.S.A. because of this flag. Also, if it wasn't for this flag, we wouldn't have freedom; all we would have would be slavery and death. So, leaders, geniuses,**

**jocks, nerds, bullies, crooks, and citizens of the United States of America respect our flag and the rest of our country.**

**Matthew Corrigan**