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## UNDERSTANDING COMMEMORATION

Work in a group to answer the questions in Part 1. After you have finished, follow the instructions on how to complete Part 2.

### Part 1

Answer the questions below as best you can.

1. Define the word *commemorate*.

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2. Why is it important to commemorate events such as 9/11?

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3. What are some different ways that Americans commemorate important events?

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4. What are some of the choices that people make in response to significant events? What are the consequences of these choices?

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### Part 2

On a separate sheet of paper, write a short essay about an event other than 9/11 that your school or community can commemorate. You can choose a world, national, or local event to write about. Explain what the event is, how you would commemorate it, and what actions it might inspire you and others to take.