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Besides the holidays recognized worldwide, there _____ American holidays as well.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is the _____ holiday, which Americans started celebrating in 1986. Martin Luther King was an _____ civil rights leader who fought in a _____ way for _____ rights for America's coloured people. He was an _____ leader and his "I have a Dream" speech is widely known around the world. He was _____ on April 4, 1968. To honour him, until 1986, each year _____ services were held on his birthday, January 15. But, in 1986, that day was replaced by the _____ Monday of January.

Super _____ Sunday is in January or early _____. It is the day when the two _____ American football teams play against each other. Over one hundred million Americans sit in front of their TVs to watch the game. At _____, when the players leave the football field, famous _____ entertain the people in the _____. Super Bowl Sunday is considered by some as an _____ American national holiday.

President George Washington's birthday and Abraham Lincoln's birthday were two different holidays in February. But in 1971, President Nixon decided they should be one holiday called _____' Day. It is celebrated on the third _____ in February and has been expanded to commemorate all past _____.

Memorial Day, celebrated on the fourth Monday of May. This is a day to remember those people who have died _____ for their country. There are _____ in towns and cities across the country and volunteers often place

American _____ on each _____ site at national cemeteries.
_____ Day is one of the most important holidays in the USA. It is also called "the Fourth of July" because that is when it is celebrated. This day marks the _____ of the _____ of Independence in 1776, in which the American colonies declared their independence from _____. It is celebrated all over the country with family _____, parades, and _____ at night. Many homes and institutions fly the American flag and decorate their buildings in colours of red, white and blue.

The traditional end to summer is _____ Day, a national holiday that is always on the first Monday in _____. It was created to give workers a day _____ work. The school year starts in most cases on the following day.

Football season also begins on Labor Day and goes until Super Bowl Sunday. The second Monday in October is _____ Day, which celebrates the life of Italian explorer Christopher Columbus. It marks the event of October 12, 1492, when he _____ the New World.

_____ Day falls on 11 November. This day marks the end of World War I in 1918, and it honours both those Americans who had _____ in that war and the veterans of all wars fought by the USA. On this day, the President places a _____ on the Tomb of the Unknowns at _____ Cemetery near Washington D.C.

Thanksgiving Day is held on the fourth _____ in November. It was declared a national holiday by Abraham _____, in 1863. The first Thanksgiving was held in _____, Massachusetts in 1621, a year _____ the arrival of the first _____ settlers. They expressed their _____ to God for the first successful _____. Since many of the first settlers _____ to death during their first winter in the new land, they asked _____ from the _____ who taught them to grow _____ and crops. When they harvested their crops in autumn, they realized that they had enough to live on through the second winter, and so they had a _____ of thanksgiving with the Indians. Today, it is usually a family day, with hearty meals and happy _____. In fact, more Americans travel to see their families this time than on other day of the year. Thanksgiving dinner includes foods served at the first feast, such as roast turkey with stuffing and gravy, sweet potatoes, corn, cranberry sauce, and pumpkin pie.