Veterans Day Essay

Veteran's Day is an important holiday to be celebrated in the United States. First, veterans risked their lives to give us freedom. Second, the veterans have given us our independence to do what we want to do. Third, celebrating that day reminds us of our history so we can continue to make good choices.

First, I think Veteran's Day is important because these men and women in the military fought and risked their lives to protect us. What I mean by that is that is they went in the war risking that they might die and they did that for us. They also have to leave their families for a long period of time and sometimes if they leave their families they will never see them again if they die. Imagine being away from your family for 2-10 years?

Second, I think Veteran's Day is important because the soldiers fought for our independence so that we could do what we wanted to do. What I mean by that is before the war, many people did not have rights. For example, women and African American people were not allowed to vote. But now, because we won our independence from other countries, everyone over 18 can vote. Another example is when there used to be signs all over the place saying "Whites Only". Now, people are treated more fairly, and there are no signs like this.

Third, celebrating Veteran's Day reminds us of our history so we can continue to make good decisions. We learn from our history. We learn to care for other people no matter what they look like or where they come from. We learn to care for the earth that we live on.

I interviewed my uncle, David Fontaine who is a veteran. He served in the United States Air force from 1992-2000. He served after the first Gulf War. The most dangerous thing he did was jump out of an airplane at 3600 feet in the air! He thinks that Veteran's Day is important because he wants to celebrate every man and woman that served their time. My uncle went into the military because he wanted "adventure" and to travel to different places. He said not a lot of people had this opportunity and he is thankful.

Veteran's Day is an important day for us to celebrate in the United States. It reminds us of our history, the soldiers that risked their lives to keep us safe, and

celebrate the opportunities we have every day. Today I am able to go to school, learn, live in a house with my parents, play soccer, have pets, and travel.