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What is a veteran? A veteran is a person that has served in the military. A quote that speaks to me about veterans day is, "We are a land of the free, because of the brave." This speaks to me, because veterans were courageous enough to put their lives on the line to make our country free. They risked their lives, and never knew if they were going home to their family. Also, veterans helped in other tragic events, such as natural disasters, mass shootings, and many similar occurrences. Let's delve into the reasons that veterans and Veteran's Day are important.

We all live in a free country, and we live in a free country because veterans fought for us. These amazing individuals risked their lives so that we could live in a free country, and have rights that we deserve as Americans. In other countries, they aren't so lucky, so we should be appreciative for what we have. I strongly believe that America wouldn't be as strong, or come as far as it has today without our veterans. I am thankful for our veterans, and I have immeasurable respect for the brave men and women who have fought for our country.

Have you ever risked your life for something you love? Well, veterans did that everyday that they were in the military. Even if a veteran wasn't in a war, they were still ready to take someone's spot, or help from wherever they were, or the base that they were stationed at. Veterans love America, and that is undeniable. Putting your life on the line for someone else's benefit takes an immense amount of courage. It's not easy to leave your family and friends, and not know when you will see them again. Our veterans deserve to be honored and respected, and giving them a day such as Veteran's Day was the perfect way to do it.

Veterans didn't just fight wars and work on military bases. They also helped out people in natural disasters, such as hurricanes, tornados, earthquakes, and many other types of disasters. They also assisted in any mass shootings that would have occurred like the one in Las Vegas recently. Veterans promote peace, and try to resolve conflict. Since veterans also do these things, it makes them even more of a hero than they already are. Veterans are truly phenomenal people!

Veteran's Day is a day where we all come together to celebrate the amazing people who have fought for our country. This day is very important, because veterans made our country free, risked their lives and left their families for us, and assisted in many natural disasters and other devastating occurrences. Our veterans deserve the most respect that anybody could offer because of these reasons. We should never forget those who fought for our country, and that made our country as privileged as it is today. We should always honor our veterans, and thank them for all they have done for us.