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Time-Travelers' Memorial Day Adventure

Short Answer Key

1. The purpose of the time-travelers' mission was to witness the evolution of Memorial Day celebrations over the years.
2. Memorial Day celebrations changed from the 1860s to the 21st century by evolving from solemn observances at soldiers' graves to including parades, patriotic tunes, community service projects, and reflections on the consequences of war.
3. During the 1940s Memorial Day celebration, the time-travelers observed American flags hanging in windows and felt a sense of unity and sacrifice.
4. The significance of Memorial Day in the 1960s was that it became an occasion to reflect on the consequences of war, with anti-war demonstrations and the reading of soldiers' names.
5. The time-travelers learned that while Memorial Day traditions evolved, the core purpose of the holiday—to remember and honor those who sacrificed for their country—remained unchanged.

