

WHAT IS WAR?

Have you ever had a fight with somebody? Maybe you called each other names and were mean to each other. Maybe you even yelled at each other or hurt each other.

A war is a fight between countries. Sometimes one country has something another country wants, like more land. Sometimes countries have been angry at each other for a long time. When countries fight, they don't just yell at each other. They send soldiers to fight each other. Many soldiers are hurt or killed fighting in wars.



PARENT RESOURCES

Here are some links to videos that can help explain Remembrance Day to small people.

Lest We Forget by Kerry Brown

A picture book from New Zealand about remembering.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jSIJYW2uICw>

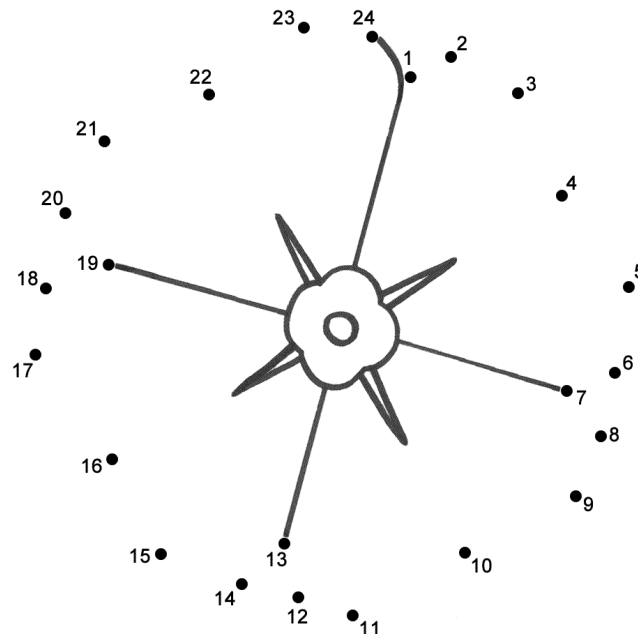
What Have We Learned, Charlie Brown
Linus reads the Peanuts gang In Flanders Fields.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YTvD6ZQJ3WI>

"Poppies" CBeebies Moment of Silence
Alternative

A BBC kids silent video about war, to be used as a moment of silence alternative for littles.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wOT5CDnYHEs>



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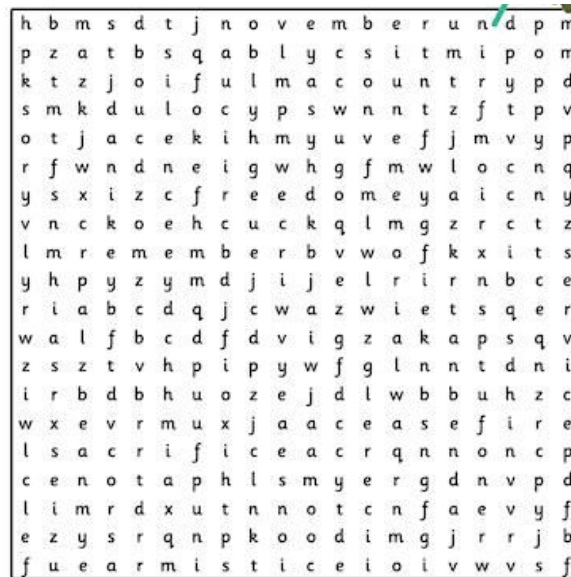
Millet Legion
Remembrance Day
Service
10:30 AM @ Millet
Cenotaph (across
from Legion Hall:
5156 50 Ave)



100 YEARS OF POPPIES

In 1915, a Canadian doctor and soldier in World War I wrote a poem about the soldiers he saw dying. He called the poem *In Flanders Fields*, after the place where they were fighting. McCrae could see bright red poppies growing over the graves of the dead soldiers. He wanted people to read his poem and remember how much these soldiers sacrificed. In 1918, an American professor named Moira Michael read *In Flanders Fields*. She decided to always wear a poppy to honour the soldiers. She also wrote a response poem called *We Shall Keep the Faith*.

A French woman named Anna Guerin also read *In Flanders fields*. She began making fake poppies to sell to raise money for hurt soldiers. By 1921 (100 years ago this year!), these poppies were worn all around the world as a way of remembering the soldiers who fought and died.



ceasefire	conflict	poppy	Flanders	wreath
remember	November	armistice	war	memorial
peace	sacrifice	freedom	service	country
silence	Cenotaph			

IN FLANDERS FIELDS

JOHN MCCRAE

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders Fields.
Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high..
If ye break faith with those who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders Fields.

WHAT CAN I DO?

On Remembrance Day, we remember soldiers who fought and died in wars. We thank them for fighting so we don't have to. And we think about ways to live in peace with others. We remember by:

1. Wearing a Poppy: wearing a poppy reminds us of the soldiers who died.
2. Having a Moment of Silence: we stay silent for a whole minute at 11AM on Remembrance Day to think about what soldiers died for us and to take time to thank them.
3. Going to a Remembrance Day Ceremony: we hold special ceremonies to take time to think about soldiers and to thank them.
4. Laying Wreaths or Poppies on Memorials: many communities have a memorial to soldiers. Millet has the Cenotaph. It is a reminder. We place poppies or wreaths on memorials as a sign of thanks and respect.

CRAFT

1. Paint the poppy in this kit. Remember, only red poppies with black middles are a sign of remembrance, (Black or white poppies are offensive)
2. Take your poppy and place it on the Cenotaph
3. Take a few moments in silence to think about what it was like to be a soldier and to thank soldiers who fought.