

LEARNING GUIDE

POPPIES & ARMISTICE

FINDING OUT

Since the First World War, the red poppy has become a special symbol of remembrance. In many countries around the world, people wear red poppies to remember and honour soldiers who have lost their lives in war. Ask an adult to help you search for pictures of the red poppy. This bright red flower is also known as the Flanders poppy. Can you find out why?

You may see people wearing red poppies in early November each year. Find out what special day occurs at this time of year.

A poem titled 'In Flanders Fields' is often read aloud at Remembrance Day events. Find a copy of this poem to read for yourself. How does the poem make you feel? What image do you think would best illustrate this poem?

SORTING OUT

As you view the video (rsleducation.com.au/Themes/Commemoration/years-Prep---2/Poppies), think about how the meaning of the red poppy flower has changed over time. Why is it important to have a symbol to honour those who gave their lives in defence of their countries?

Why do we hold one minute's silence on Remembrance Day? How did this tradition come about?

After viewing, can you explain three different ways red poppies are used for remembrance today?

View the video a second time and note the significant dates and events in the history of the poppy and Remembrance Day. You may need to pause the video to make your notes. Make a poppy timeline to tell the story of this special symbol.

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TAKING ACTION

The RSL sells millions of red poppies each year. The money raised helps veterans and their families whose lives have been affected by their Defence service. Using the template (rsleducation.com.au/Themes/Commemoration/years-Prep---2/Poppies), design a poppy that could be worn safely by yourself, other children or your family members. Or make a poppy in any form you wish — consider using sustainable materials like paper and cloth.

You may see RSL volunteers selling poppies in shops and other public places. Think of some questions you might like to ask, to find out more about poppies and remembrance. For example: What does the red poppy mean to you? Are there rules about how and when we should wear the red poppy? Who wore the first red poppy? Why did people start wearing red poppies?

PLEASE NOTE: Always ask for your parent or guardian's permission and support before you speak to someone you don't know.

