

THE ANZAC TRADITION

Setting the Scene

Since the outbreak of World War I, more than 100,000 Australians have died in conflicts and peacekeeping missions around the world. Many others have been injured or have come home changed by their experiences both physically and mentally. On ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day, we remember all the servicemen and women who have put themselves in harm's way to make sure we are safe.

ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day are commemorated on 2 significant dates associated with World War I. ANZAC Day is commemorated on the 25th of April the day Australian Soldiers landed on the beach in Gallipoli where close to 9,000 Australians perished. The Gallipoli landing is also considered the first battle Australians have participated in since federation.



An Australian officer visiting a comrade's grave at Lancashire Landing Cemetery, Gallipoli, Turkey. Photo credit: Australian War Memorial

Remembrance Day is commemorated on 11th November each year at 11am to commemorate the signing of the Armistice which ended World War I. Of the 416, 809 soldiers that enlisted in World War I, 60,000 never returned home and 156,000 were wounded, gassed or taken prisoner. This was considered a significant percentage of the population with Australia's population only estimated at 5 million people during World War I.

World War I, is the first war where Australia was recognised as a nation. It is also the first war where Australian soldiers were commended for their ANZAC Spirit by other nations.

Q1 What were some of the threats and hardships that Australian's experienced during World War I?

Q2 Which of these threats or hardships frightens you the most and why?



Q3 How many Australians died on these fronts?

Gallipoli

The Western Front

Q4 From the pictures in the movie, what differences were there between the Gallipoli and Western Front campaigns?

Q5 What similarities are there between the Gallipoli and Western Front campaigns?

Q6 According to the narrator, why do we pause on ANZAC and Remembrance Days?



Q7 Why do you think it's important to continue to commemorate days such as ANZAC and Remembrance Days?

