

Remembrance Day



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When is Remembrance Day?

Remembrance Day falls on the 11th of November each year.

On the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month, a minutes' silence is observed and dedicated to those soldiers who died fighting to protect the nation.



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During the First World War, red Poppies were one of the first plants to spring up in the devastated war grounds of northern France and Belgian. In the stories soldiers told, the bright red of the poppy is the blood soaked up from their Comrades. The poppy soon became accepted through all nations as a symbol of remembrance to be worn on Armistice Day. The red poppy is also commonly used in wreaths on Anzac Day.





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The significance of the poppies.

Poppies are significant to Remembrance Day because Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae saw how war torn towns, farms and fields were full of devastation but yet poppy's still were able to grow with all the bombing and fighting going on. John was inspired with this so he wrote a poem about it. Here is the poem he wrote.

*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 us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders Fields*



Why is the minute silence at the 11 hour of the day?

We have the minute of silence at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month because at 5am on November 11, 1918, 3 German representatives agreed to an armistice would end the war at 5:30am. But this wonderful message didn't reach the western front at France and Belgium till 11am so thousands more were killed in that time and at 11am that day the guns and fighting stopped.

WE WILL NOT FORGET

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