

Remembrance Day in Canada — Knowledge Organiser

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Key facts

- Remembrance Day is held every year on 11 November.
- It honours those who served and died in wars.
- Canadians wear red poppies in the weeks beforehand.
- At 11 a.m. there is a two-minute silence.

Key vocabulary

- Commemorate — to remember and show respect.
- Veteran — someone who served in the armed forces.
- Armistice — an agreement to stop fighting (the First World War ended on 11 November 1918).
- Cenotaph — a memorial to those who died in war.

Why the poppy?

The poppy comes from the famous poem 'In Flanders Fields', written by Canadian doctor John McCrae during the First World War. Red poppies grew on the battlefields, and they became a symbol of remembrance.

A day of respect

Remembrance Day is solemn, not celebratory. People attend services at cenotaphs, observe the silence, and reflect on the cost of war and the value of peace.