



This sheet is designed to help you understand Remembrance Day. Follow the instructions carefully and do not go anywhere that you have not been instructed to on this sheet or by your teacher.

1. Please type in the following address www.vac-acc.gc.ca/youth/ or click on **Veteran Affairs Youth Page** on the Remembrance Day links page. Click on **A Day of Remembrance** and then click on **Why Remember**. Read the first paragraph.

Why do we celebrate Remembrance Day? _____

2. Read the fourth paragraph (As Canadians...). What were Canadian soldiers fighting for? _____

3. Click on the **BACK** arrow at the top of the screen and then click on **Whom Do We Remember**. Why did Canadians voluntarily sign up to go to war?

4. Click on the **BACK** arrow at the top of the screen and click on **What Should We Remember**. What three wars did Canadian soldiers participate in?



5. Click on the **BACK** arrow at the top and then click on **How Do We Remember.**
How do we remember? _____

6. What do the poppies stand for and why do we wear them? _____

THE BATTLE OF VIMY RIDGE

One of the well known battles that Canadian troops participated in was the Battle of Vimy Ridge. On August 4, 1914 Britain declared war on Germany and began the Great War. During this war 100 000 Canadian troops went to the Battle of Vimy Ridge where they gained world recognition by capturing Vimy Ridge from the German troops. German forces had taken Vimy Ridge from the French in 1914 and the Canadian troops along with the British were to regain it for France. German forces had built a maze of trenches and tunnels. While the British forces attacked the nearby town of Arras, Canadian troops built tunnels under the enemy forces and attacked. The tunnels allowed soldiers to get in without being seen and they gave wounded soldiers a way out. Canadian soldiers captured Vimy Ridge but not without loss-of the 100 000 that took part in the battle, 3598 soldiers were killed and 7004 were wounded.

During the next part of this assignment you will be looking at the tunnels and trenches where the Battle of Vimy Ridge took place.

7. Now click on **Multi-media** on the blue bar on the left side of your screen then click on **Vimy Ridge QTVR.** Now click on **Trenches** and then on **Grange Tunnel Image Map.** Click on **#3.** What material were they digging through to make the tunnels? _____



ANSWERS:

1. We remember those who sacrificed their lives in the war for us, for our future and for Canada.
2. They fought to protect Canadians from losing our freedom and to protect our Charter of Rights. They died for us so that we can live life in the way we do with freedom to participate in cultural and political events and our right to live under a government of our choice.
3. Canadians volunteered to go to war as they were excited and proud and wanted to care for the wounded, defend, prepare materials for the war and provide economic and moral support.
4. The first and second World Wars and the Korean War.
5. To remember we wear poppies, we have two minutes of silence and we attend commemorative ceremonies.
6. Poppies are a reminder of the blood red flowers that grew on the battle sites of France and Belgium. They are a reminder of nature's ability to withstand the destructive elements of war by men and are a symbol of hope in a period of human despair. We wear them as a reminder of those who died in battle fighting for peace-a reminder of the horrors of conflict and the beauties of peace.
7. Chalk
8. Answers will vary
9. Answers will vary
10. They were lit by electric light with the power created by a generator
11. Answers will vary