



SHRINE OF REMEMBRANCE

EDUCATION PROGRAM

Activity & Resource Sheets



Why remember?

Understanding Remembrance Day





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Activity Sheet No. 1

Remembrance Collage

Complete the following statement. Produce a work of art to illustrate your thoughts about Remembrance Day.

I think it is important to remember what Australian men and women have done in war and peacekeeping because...



Resource 1:

Australia's war and peacekeeping operations

The following is a list of the war and peacekeeping activities in which Australian men and women have served:

Before Federation (1901)	
1860- 1866	Maori Wars
1899- 1902	Boer War
Since Federation: Wars	
1914- 1918	World War I
1939- 1945	World War II
1948- 1960	Malaya
1950- 1953	Korea
1962- 1966	Borneo
1962- 1973	Vietnam
Peacekeeping: 1947 to the present	
1947- 1951	Indonesia
1950- 1985	Kashmir
1956- present	Israel and its neighbours
1964- present	Cyprus
1976- 1979	Sinai
1979- 1980	Zimbabwe
1982- 1986	Sinai
1989- 1990	Namibia
1989- 1993	Cambodia
1990- present	Iraq
1991	Kuwait
1991- 1994	Western Sahara
1992- 1995	Somalia
1992- 1997	Balkans
1993- present	Sinai
1994	Bougainville
1994- 1995	Rwanda
1997- present	Bougainville
1999- present	East Timor

Websites:

www.awm.gov.au/peacekeeping/timeline/timeline.htm

www.awm.gov.au/peacekeeping/timeline/map.htm

'Faces of Australian peacekeeping' by Peter Londey: www.awm.gov.au/wartime/16/article.asp



Resource 2:

Hymns, songs and poems used in commemoration ceremonies today

The Ode

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.

For the fallen

With proud thanksgiving, a mother for her children,
England mourns for her dead across the sea.
Flesh of her flesh they were, spirit of her spirit,
Fallen in the cause of the free.

Solemn the drums thrill: Death august and royal
Sings sorrow up into immortal spheres.
There is a music in the midst of desolation
And a glory that shines upon our tears.

They went with songs to the battle, they were young,
Straight of limb, true of eye, steady and aglow.
They were staunch to the end against odds uncounted,
They fell with their faces to the foe.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.

They mingle not with their laughing comrades again;
They sit no more at familiar tables at home;
They have no lot in our labour of the day-time;
They sleep beyond England's foam.



Resource 2 (continued):

Hymns, songs and poems used in commemoration ceremonies today

But where our desires are and our hopes profound,
Felt as a well-spring that is hidden from sight,
To the innermost heart of their own land they are known

As the stars are known to the Night;
As the stars that shall be bright when we are dust,
Moving in marches upon the heavenly plain,
As the stars that are starry in the time of our darkness,
To the end, to the end, they remain.

Laurence Binyon (1869-1943), poet and art critic. Born Lancashire, England. Educated at Oxford University. Worked at the British Museum.

In Flanders Fields

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.

Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae (1872-1918), Professor of Medicine, McGill University. A gunner during the Boer War and medical officer for the first Canadian contingent during World War I.



Resource 2 (continued):

Hymns, songs and poems used in commemoration ceremonies today

O Valiant Hearts

O valiant hearts, who to your glory came
Through dust of conflict and through battle-flame
Tranquil you lie, your knightly virtue proved,
Your memory hallowed in the land you loved.

Proudly you gathered, rank on rank to war,
As who heard God's message from afar;
All you hoped for, all you had you gave,
To save mankind - yourselves you scorned to save.

Splendid you passed, the great surrender made,
Into the light that never more shall fade;
Deep your contentment in that blest abode;
Who wait the last clear trumpet-call of God.

Sir J.S. Arkwright, 1919



Resource 3: **ANZAC Tribute**

Those heroes that shed their blood and lost their lives...

You are now lying in the soil of a friendly country.

Therefore rest in peace.

There is no difference between the Johnnies and the Mehmets to us where they lie side by side here in this country of ours...

You, the mothers, who sent their sons from faraway countries wipe away your tears;

Your sons are now lying in our bosom and are in peace.

After having lost their lives on this land.

They have become our sons as well.



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