






## WORKSHEET: WHY DO WE COMMEMORATE?


Walk in the shoes of \_\_\_\_\_ *a veteran* \_\_\_\_\_, who is attending a Remembrance Day Service at the Shrine.

Consider the different parts of a commemoration below from your special perspective listed above.

<b>Part of the Commemoration</b>	<b>Describe what your reactions, thoughts and feelings might be in each part of the commemoration.</b>	<b>Useful links</b>
<p>Official Party/Marching – like the Governor, the Premier, and Shrine Trustees.</p> 	<p><i>If I was a veteran, it would make me feel special that all these special people are here to remember my service and the service of others like me in the past</i></p>	<p>Governor of Victoria, Linda Dessau <a href="https://www.governor.vic.gov.au/victorias-governor/about-governor">https://www.governor.vic.gov.au/victorias-governor/about-governor</a></p> <p>Shrine of Remembrance Trustees <a href="https://www.shrine.org.au/shrine-trustees">https://www.shrine.org.au/shrine-trustees</a></p> <p>Young Ambassadors <a href="https://www.shrine.org.au/young-ambassador-leadership-program">https://www.shrine.org.au/young-ambassador-leadership-program</a></p>

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<p>People in uniform standing guard (Catafalque Party)</p> 	<p><i>I know this is what soldiers do at a funeral. When I see them move to the Eternal Flame I know this is when I need to be most respectful.</i></p>	<p>Catafalque party <a href="https://www.army.gov.au/our-history/traditions/catafalque-party">https://www.army.gov.au/our-history/traditions/catafalque-party</a></p> <p>Slouch hat <a href="https://www.army.gov.au/our-heritage/traditions/slouch-hat">https://www.army.gov.au/our-heritage/traditions/slouch-hat</a></p>
<p>Military Displays such as parading troops, gun salutes and flags at half-mast.</p> 	<p><i>This would remind me of military parades and marching when I was in the services. It can be so hard to stand still for such a long time! Gun salutes usually happen right on the important time we remember. E.g. 11am on Remembrance Day</i></p>	<p>Parading troops <a href="https://www.army.gov.au/our-history/traditions/the-parade-ground">https://www.army.gov.au/our-history/traditions/the-parade-ground</a></p> <p>The meaning of gun salutes <a href="http://www.lighthorse.org.au/origins-of-the-21-gun-salute/">http://www.lighthorse.org.au/origins-of-the-21-gun-salute/</a></p> <p>Flags at half-mast <a href="https://www.awm.gov.au/commemoration/customs-and-ceremony/flags">https://www.awm.gov.au/commemoration/customs-and-ceremony/flags</a></p>

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<p>Ode of Remembrance and the Last Post</p> 	<p><i>When I hear this poem and the Last Post I think about my friends who may have been killed or wounded in battle, I think about all the people who signed up and served before me - the tradition of service that I have been part of.</i></p>	<p>'For the Fallen'  <a href="http://www.greatwar.co.uk/poems/laurence-binyon-for-the-fallen.htm">http://www.greatwar.co.uk/poems/laurence-binyon-for-the-fallen.htm</a></p> <p>Music for commemorative ceremonies  <a href="https://anzacportal.dva.gov.au/commemoration/event-planning/music">https://anzacportal.dva.gov.au/commemoration/event-planning/music</a></p>
<p>Period of Silence</p> 	<p><i>This period of silence is important to be still and think about what I have seen and heard today. I might just listen to the sounds around me of everyone at the commemoration showing our respect together through silence, just like the silence when all the bombing and shooting of the First World War ended at 11am.</i></p>	<p>Silence  <a href="https://www.army.gov.au/our-history/traditions/the-significance-of-silence">https://www.army.gov.au/our-history/traditions/the-significance-of-silence</a></p>

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<p>Laying a Wreath</p> 	<p><i>I will watch others lay a wreath, often on behalf of a group or organization. This is them making an offering, a way of saying “thank you” to those who have given their lives or have experienced conflict as part of the ADF.</i></p>	<p>Wreaths and floral tributes  <a href="https://www.awm.gov.au/commemoration/customs-and-ceremony/wreaths">https://www.awm.gov.au/commemoration/customs-and-ceremony/wreaths</a></p> <p>Poppies  <a href="https://www.iwm.org.uk/history/why-we-wear-poppies-on-remembrance-day">https://www.iwm.org.uk/history/why-we-wear-poppies-on-remembrance-day</a></p>