

# Remembrance Day 2018

Commemorating the centenary of World War One

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# In Flanders Fields

*by John McCrae*

<http://www.greatwar.co.uk/poems/john-mccrae-in-flanders-fields.htm>

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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.

*Which line/s stand out for you the most? Why?*

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*What could we interpret the torch we  
have been given as being?*



*On reading this poem, why do you think many people wear red poppies?*

Watch video (up to 2:50):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K8Jv0T9eFUy>

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Many people choose to wear a white poppy  
on Remembrance Day.

*What do you think it represents?  
Who might it remember?*



On your own or with a partner, take a poppy template.

Your task is to create a Hannah Dunnett style piece (<https://www.benandhannahdunnett.com/artwork/>) based on Remembrance.

Which images might you create on your poppy?

On red poppies, you can write prayers/hopes/wishes of remembrance, and on the white poppies prayers for peace.

You might also like to include lines from poetry and verses from the bible.

Let's have a look at our class prayers. Would anyone like to read theirs and lead us in our reflection?