

# Remembrance Day



November 11 is a day of **remembrance**. In Canada it is always on November 11th. November 11 marks the **anniversary** of an important peace agreement. It was called the Armistice. In 1918, after four years at war, Germany agreed to stop fighting the **Allied forces**. The war ended on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. From that day forward, November 11 became the day we celebrate Remembrance Day.

On November 11, **veterans** march in parades and lay **wreaths** on **war monuments**. Children learn about the wars and share poems about world peace. At 11:00 a.m. a moment of silence takes place at Remembrance Day services. A **trumpet player** plays a memorial song called "Last Post".

In many countries, the **poppy** is a bright red wild flower. It bloomed across major **battlefields** in World War I. When you wear a poppy, you honour those who fought and died for **peace**. Some people call November 11 "Poppy Day". The phrase "Lest We Forget" is a promise connected with November 11. After World War I, people promised not to forget the pain and sadness of war. The poppy is a reminder of this phrase.



remembrance	The act of recalling (not forgetting) the past
monument	A stone or building that acts as a reminder of person or event from the past.
anniversary	An annual date that marks a special event in history
battlefield	A place where soldiers fight
Allied forces	A group of nations who joined to fight against Germany`s forces
peace	A period without war.
veterans	Soldiers who fought in the war and live
wreath	A decorative ring of flowers or plants.
trumpet	A brass horn that plays music.

