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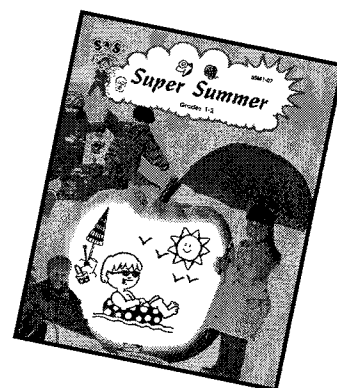
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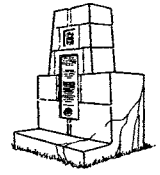
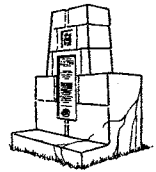


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Learning Expectations

The information and activities about Remembrance Day are designed to help students achieve the following:

- to recognize the sacrifice made by thousands of Canadians in the First and Second World Wars and the Korean War.
- to develop an understanding of the significance of Remembrance Day.
- to develop an awareness of the ceremonies and rites of the past as they are reflected in the present.
- to appreciate the realities and complexities of war.
- to appreciate the qualities of endurance and courage, and of devotion to the principles of freedom within our multicultural society.
- to learn to resolve conflict successfully.
- to celebrate and appreciate peace.

List of Vocabulary

Remembrance Day Words:

November, World War I, World War II, Korean War, troops, soldiers, infantry, men, pilots, sailors, monument, cenotaph, poppy, Royal Canadian Legion, Peace Tower, The National War Memorial, Flanders Field, crosses, wreath, veterans, march, parades, bands, choirs, Two-Minute Silence, bugle, bugler, Last Post, Reveille, D-Day, army, airforce, marines, navy, Red Cross, memory, remember, praise, dead, laud, honour, fought, war, deed, cemetery, hero, heroism, heroic, pride, devotion, virile, gallant, valiant, aloof, sacrifice, tyranny, oppression, freedom, dignity, homage, courage, devotion, duty, tribute, dedicate, brave, bravery, victory, victors, allies, defeat, proud, surrender, loyalty, valour, respect

Famous Countries and Cities:

Normandy, Pearl Harbor, Nagasaki, Dunkirk, England, London, France, Paris, Belgium, Holland, Germany, Berlin, Hiroshima, Tokyo, Japan, Moscow, Russia, Poland, Warsaw

Famous War Leaders:

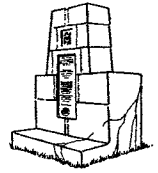
Adolph Hitler, Winston Churchill, Benito Mussolini, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Hideki Tojo

Military Equipment:

tanks, airplanes, jeeps, warships, aircraft, aircraft carriers, artillery, guns, bayonet, helmet, uniform, atomic bomb, bombs, grenade, buzz bombs, arms, shells, gas masks, radar, submarines, machine gun, torpedoes



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Other War Words:

air raid siren, prisoner of war, prison camps, concentration camps, trenches, "Kamikazi", "blitzkrieg", "blitz", battle, front, fight, kill, wound, destroy, shoot, bomb, spy, defend, attack, battlefield, wounded, captured

Teacher Input Suggestions

Length of Time:

This theme may be used during the entire month of November. It does not have to dwell on the ugly aspects of war but on peace, friendship, respect, honour, the brotherhood of man, heroism, solving problems, getting along, etc.

Planning Ahead:

Look for the following items prior to the theme.

Pictures and Photographs of the Peace Tower, the National Memorial Monument, the real Poppy, war scenes, military personnel, cenotaphs, monuments, memorials, military equipment, Flanders Fields, war heroes, buildings destroyed by war, Remembrance Day ceremonies, military parades, veterans, war leaders

Films, filmstrips, and videos that pertain to World War I, World War II and the Korean War.

Books that show the three wars, military equipment, countries where the wars were fought, war leaders, war heroes. Locate books that relate heroic deeds to read to your class.

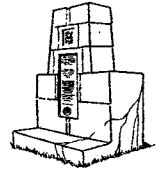
Discussion Topics:

The selection of topics and the depth in which they are discussed is left to the discretion of the teacher.

- What is a War? - causes
- World War I - causes, countries involved, results of the war, Canada's involvement
- World War II - causes, countries involved, results of the war, Canada's involvement
- Korean War - causes, countries involved, results of the war, Canada's involvement
- Famous War Leaders from World War I and World War II - Winston Churchill, Adolph Hitler, Benito Mussolini, Hideki Tojo, Franklin D. Roosevelt
- Peace - Peace Keeping Organizations, The United Nations, The Noble Peace Prize, Lester B. Pearson, Canadian Peace Keeping Operations, The International Law of Peace
- Freedom and Its Importance, Countries that do not have the same freedoms as Canada, example: Cuba, China, Korea, Russia
- Symbols of Peace - dove, white flag, olive branch, the Tree of the Great Peace 1390, Calumet or Peace Pipe, peace offering, Peace International Bridge, The International Peace Gardens
- Respect - how to show respect, why it is important



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- Heroism and Heroic Deeds - brainstorm heroic acts, the attributes of a hero
- Memories - brainstorm for important memories, discuss war memories and their effects on people

Literature Ideas:

1. Choose a novel that pertains to families that lived during a wartime era to read to your class during the month of December.

Some examples are:

- Sadako and the 1000 Paper Cranes by Eleanor Coerr
 - Number the Stars by Lois Lowry
 - Rilla of Ingleside by Lucy Maud Montgomery
 - Snow Treasure by Marie McSwigan
2. Read poetry about heroic deeds, Remembrance Day, battles, war, life during the war etc. The following poems you might find useful.

The Cross

At the top of the hill
Stood a cross of white.
It gave me a chill
When I looked at this sight.

On the cross was a name
Of a soldier who had died.
Not knowing from where he came
Made me feel so sad inside.

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The Airplane

The airplane taxis down the field
And heads into the breeze
It lifts its wheels above the ground,
It skims above the trees,
It rises high and higher
Away up toward the sun,
It's just a speck against the sky
---- And now it's gone!

Unknown