

VETERANS DAY

November 11

IN FLANDERS FIELDS

a poem by John McRae

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.

DID YOU KNOW?

Because of this poem, red poppies became a symbol of World War I. The flowers are traditionally worn on Memorial Day, another holiday to honor our troops—specifically those who died while serving their country.



ORIGIN OF VETERANS DAY

World War I, known at the time as the Great War or “the war to end all wars,” commenced in 1914. At the beginning of the war, many believed it would be a short conflict. However, four long and grueling years later, the Allied and Central powers were still at war. Finally, an armistice (truce) was declared on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918. See below for a photograph of the original Armistice celebrations in Philadelphia.



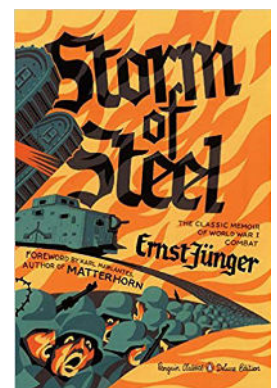
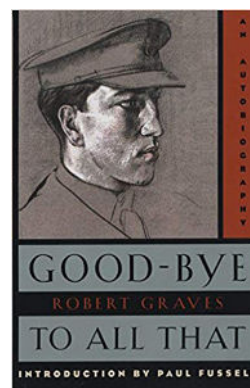
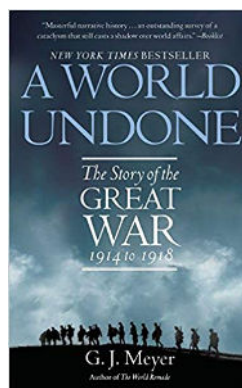
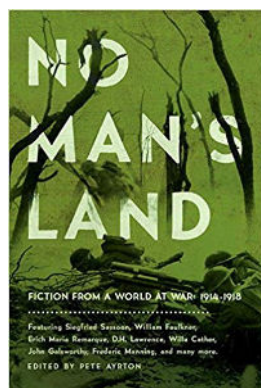
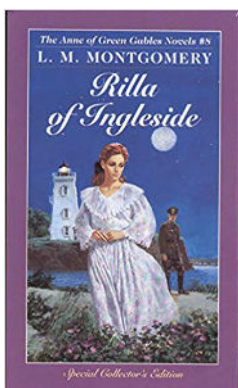
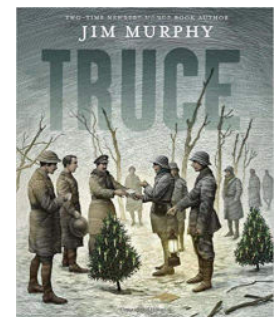
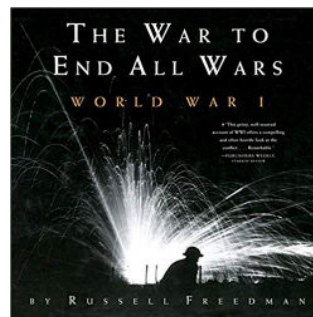
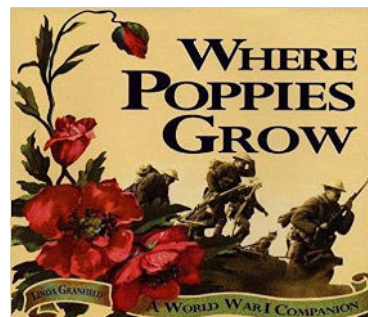
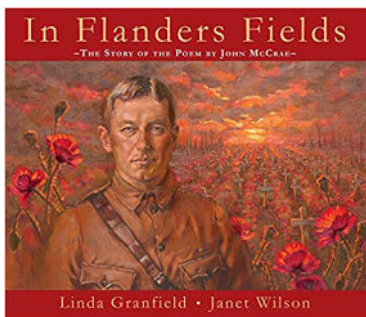
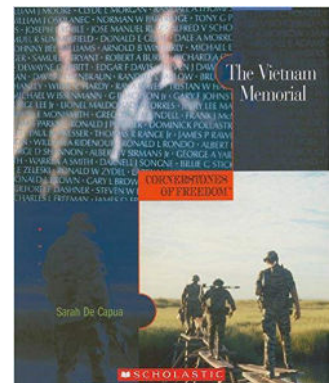
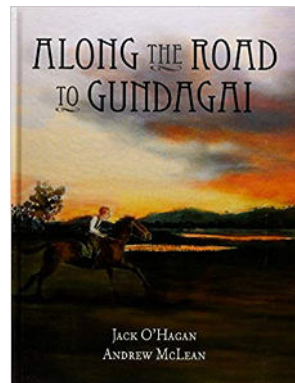
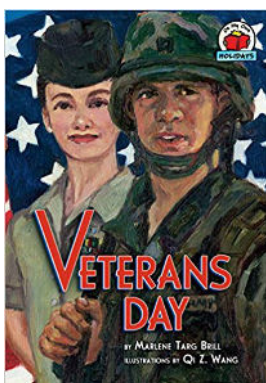
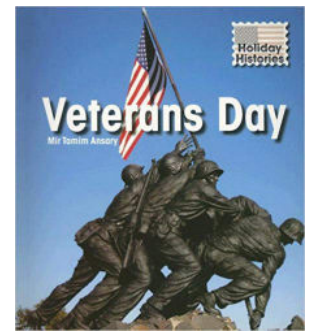
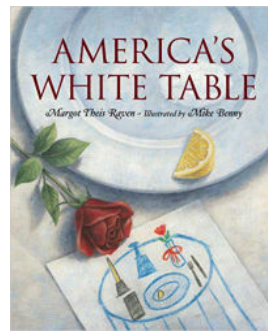
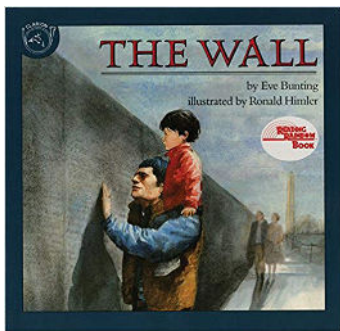
President Wilson proclaimed November 11 as the commemoration of Armistice Day in 1919. Armistice Day became a federal holiday in 1938.

In 1954 – after the bloodbath of World War II, followed up with the Korean War - Armistice Day became Veterans Day, to honor all veterans for their military service in wartime or peacetime.

What's the difference between Veterans Day and Memorial Day?

Veterans Day honors all veterans, while Memorial Day specifically honors those who died in military service.

a small selection of books



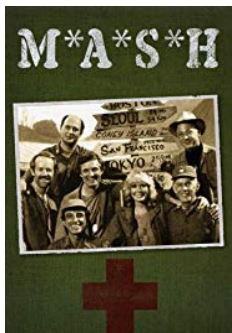
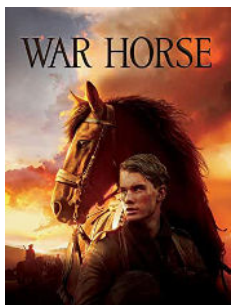
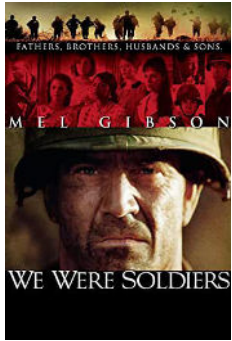
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TITLE	AUTHOR	LEVEL
<i>Veterans Day (Rookie Read-About Holidays)</i>	Jacqueline S. Cotton	PreK-K
<i>Veterans Day</i>	Rebecca Rissman	PreK-K
<i>The Wall</i>	Eve Bunting	K-Int
<i>What is Veterans Day?</i>	Elaine Landau	K-Pri
<i>Veterans Day: Remembering Our War Heroes</i>	Elaine Landau	K-Pri
<i>America's White Table</i>	Margot Theis Raven	Pri-Int & older
<i>Veterans Day</i>	Mir Tamim Ansary	Pri-Int
<i>Veterans Day</i>	Marlene Targ Brill	Pri-Int
<i>Veterans Heroes in Our Neighborhoods</i>	Valerie Pfundstein	Pri-Int
<i>The Poppy Lady</i>	Barbara Walsh	Pri-Int
<i>Christmas in the Trenches</i>	John McCutcheon	Pri-Int
<i>Grandad Bud: A Veterans Day Story</i>	Shannon Ferry	Pri-LM
<i>When Christmas Comes Again (Dear America)</i>	Beth Seidel Levine	Int-LM
<i>Along the Road to Gundagai</i>	O'Hagan & McLean	Int-LM
<i>A History of Veterans Day for Kids</i>	Josephine Madden	Int
<i>The Vietnam Memorial (Cornerstones of Freedom)</i>	Sarah De Capua	Int-LM
<i>In Flanders Fields</i>	McCrae & Granfield	LM-UM
<i>Where Poppies Grow: A WWI Companion</i>	Linda Granfield	LM-UM & older
<i>The War to End All Wars</i>	Russell Freedman	LM-UM & older
<i>Truce: The Day the Soldiers Stopped Fighting</i>	Jim Murphy	LM-UM & older
<i>Rilla of Ingleside</i>	L.M. Montgomery	LM-UM
<i>Remembrance</i>	Theresa Breslin	UM-HS
<i>No Man's Land: Fiction From World at War</i>	Pete Ayrtton	HS-Adult
<i>A World Undone-The Story of the Great War</i>	G. J. Meyer	HS-Adult
<i>Testament of Youth</i>	Vera Brittain	HS-Adult
<i>Goodbye to All That: An Autobiography</i>	Robert Graves	HS-Adult
<i>Storm of Steel</i>	Ernst Junger	HS-Adult

MOVIES + TELEVISION



- *Apocalypse WWI* (documentary series; 2014)
- *Our World War* (BBC dramatic presentation of true stories from WWI; 2014)
- *Band of Brothers* (HBO series of E Company, 506th Regiment of 101st Airborne Division, U.S. Army, WWII; 2001)
- *Saving Private Ryan* (WWII; rated R; 1998)
- *War Horse* (WWI; rated PG-13; 2011)
- *The Best Years of Our Lives* (7-time Academy Award-winning film about returning veterans of WWII; 1946)
- *The Longest Day* (D-Day, WWII; 1962)
- *M*A*S*H* (Korean conflict; film made in 1970, television series produced 1972-1983)
- *All Quiet on the Western Front* (WWI; there is a 1930 movie and a 1979 TV movie)
- *We Were Soldiers* (Vietnam; rated R; 2002)
- *Patton* (WWII; rated PG; 1970)
- *Letters From Iwo Jima* (WWII; rated R; 2006)
- *My Boy Jack* (BBC movie about Rudyard Kipling looking for his MIA son during WWI; 2007)

parents + educators:

PLEASE PREVIEW ALL MATERIALS BEFORE SHARING WITH YOUR CHILD

You are the best judge of what is appropriate for your child/ren and what they will enjoy. Try checking goodreads.com for book reviews and commonsensemedia.com for movies and television.

AND MORE:

- <http://www.imdb.com/list/ls009678583/>
- <http://www.cbsnews.com/pictures/best-films-to-watch-on-veterans-day/>
- <http://www.forbes.com/sites/markhughes/2012/11/12/top-ten-movies-to-watch-on-veterans-day/>
- <http://www.techtimes.com/articles/19868/20141111/10-great-war-movies-stream-netflix-right-now.htm>

links

History of Veterans Day

<http://www.va.gov/opa/vetsday/vetdayhistory.asp>

<http://www.history.army.mil/html/reference/holidays/vetsday/vetshist.html>

<http://www.history.com/topics/holidays/history-of-veterans-day>

Poetry of WWI

<http://www.poetryfoundation.org/article/248460>

<http://www.theholidayzone.com/veterans/poetry.html>



*it is traditional
to wear a poppy
lapel pin on
veteran's and/
or memorial day*



Information + Activities

Various Grades

<http://www.scholastic.com/teachers/unit/veterans-day-everything-you-need>

<https://www.teachervision.com/teaching-veterans-day/videos-and-activities.html>

http://www.va.gov/opa/vetsday/docs/2011_veterans_day_teacher_guide.pdf
(35 page teacher resource guide for various levels)

http://www.educationworld.com/holidays/archives/veterans_day.shtml (variety of ideas and activities)

<https://www.teachervision.com/veterans-day/teacher-resources/6674.html>

<http://www.nea.org/tools/lessons/veterans-day-activities-gradesk-5.html>

Preschool/Kindergarten:

http://www.bigactivities.com/ctd/veterans_day/

<http://coloringbookfun.com/More%20Veterans%20Day/>

http://www.first-school.ws/THEME/cp_h_usapatriotic.htm

<http://www.coloring.ws/remembrance1.htm>

Primary/Intermediate

<http://www.enchantedlearning.com/crafts/veterans/>

<http://www.dltk-holidays.com/remembrance/posters/>

Intermediate/Lower Middle School

<http://homeschooljourneys.com/veterans-day-printables/>
(coloring pages, crossword, word search, vocabulary matching worksheet)

<http://www.scholastic.com/teachers/lesson-plan/veterans-day-and-patriotism>

Upper Middle School/High School

<https://www.pbs.org/newshour/extra/lessons-plans/veterans-day/>