

Key People

John McCrae



He wrote
the Flanders
fields poem.



Remembrance Day is held on the 11th November.

A two-minute silence is conducted at 11am to remember the brave soldiers who died in the World Wars.

Sometimes it is called Armistice Day.

Major John McCrae wrote a famous poem called 'Flanders Fields' to remember the fields of poppies where many soldiers died.

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 falling 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.



Key Vocabulary

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| Remembrance | Remembering important events such as wars and the people who fought in them. |
| poppy | A red flower. Poppies grew in the battlefields after the First World War ended. They are worn as a symbol of remembrance. |
| army | The group of soldiers who are trained to fight against an enemy. |
| war | A state of armed conflict between different countries or different groups within a country: |
| Cenotaph | a monument to someone buried elsewhere, especially one commemorating people who died in a war. |



The Royal British Legion hold a poppy appeal day every year to raise money and awareness for men and women in the Armed Forces.



People lay wreaths and poppy's down on monuments called Cenotaphs, to remember the soldiers who died.

