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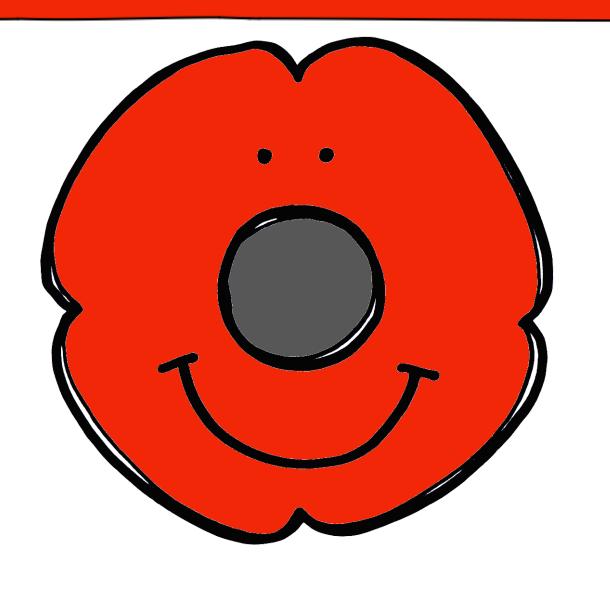








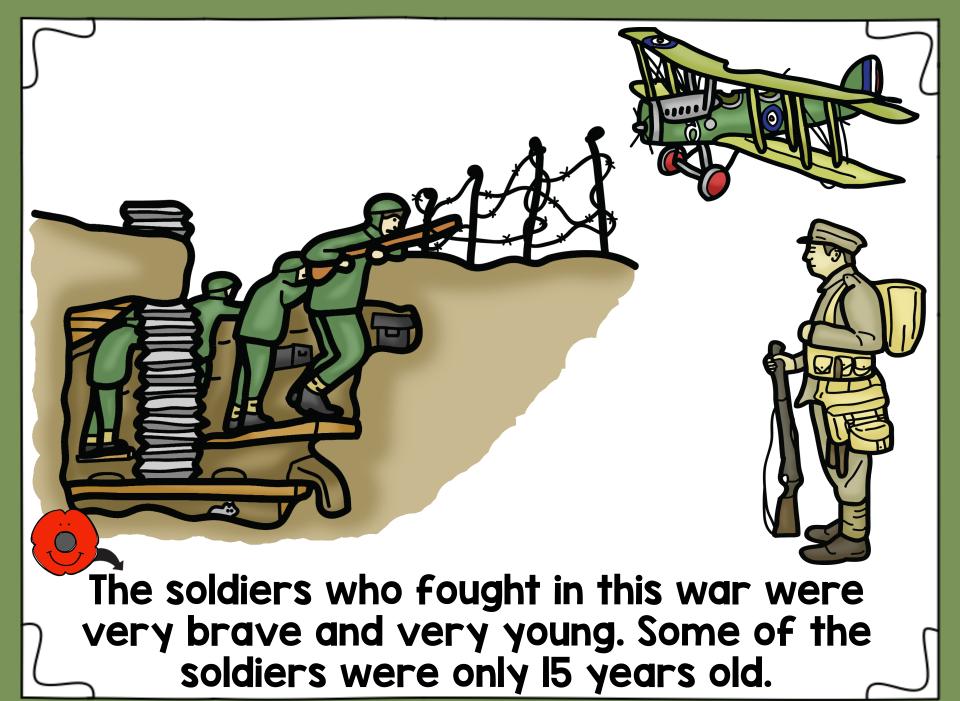


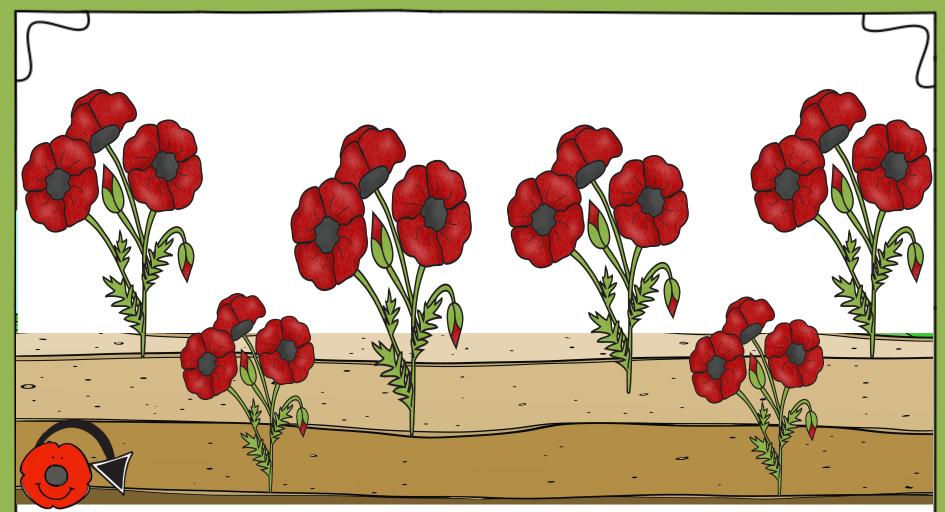


Hi, my name is Poppy and this is my story.



A little over 100 years ago, there was a War. It was called World War I or the Great War. It began on July 28, 1914. Men and women from all over Canada went to War.

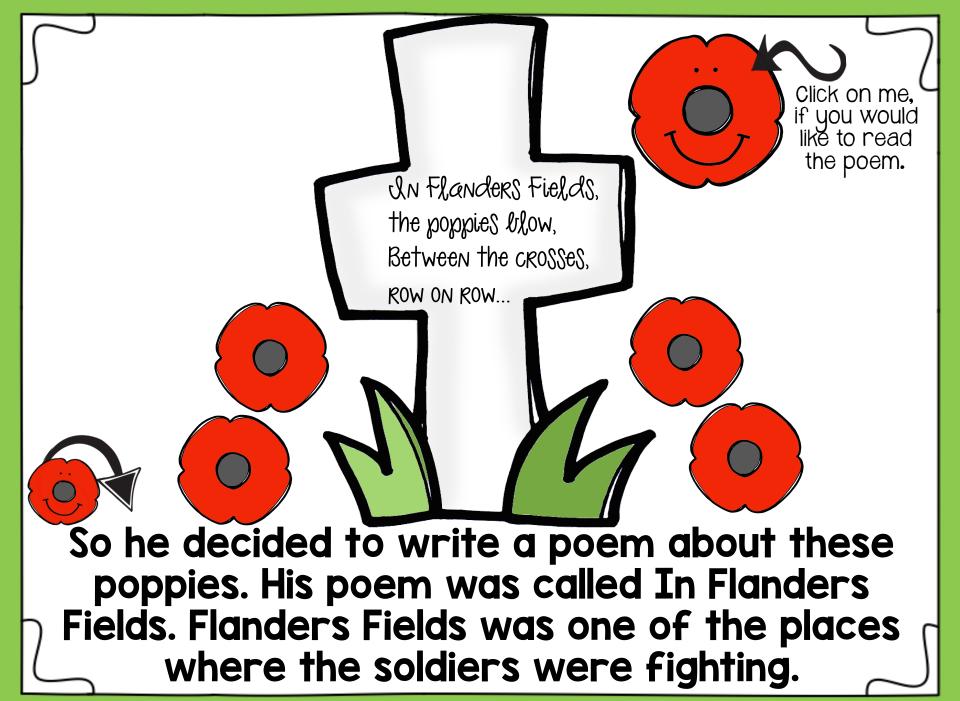


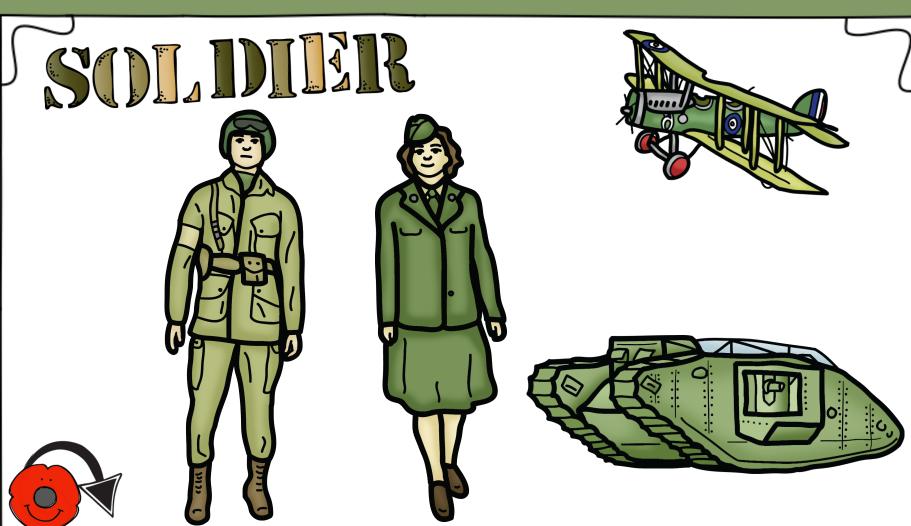


In the battlefields where the soldiers were fighting, poppies just like me started to grow everywhere. The poppies grew right out of the mud and dirt.

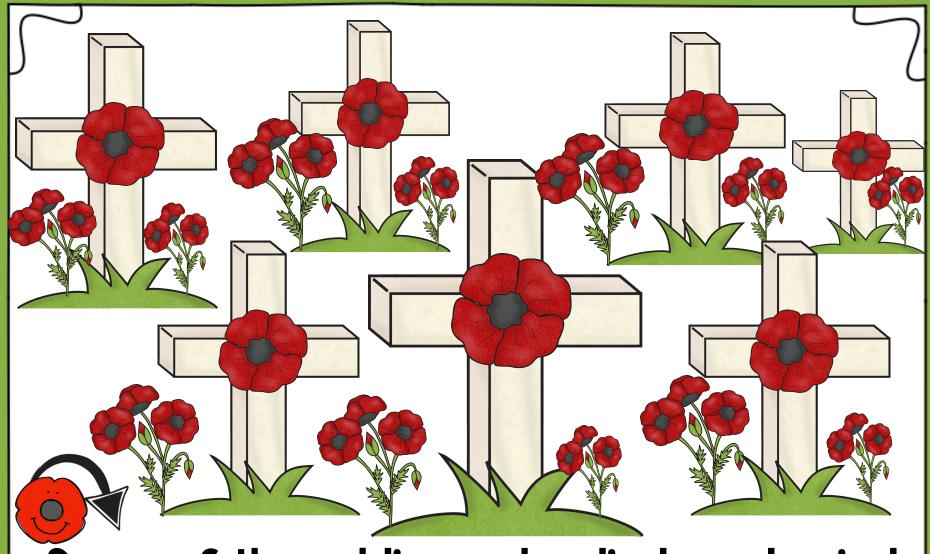


À Canadian soldier and doctor named Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae noticed this too. Poppies were growing even where the soldiers were fighting.





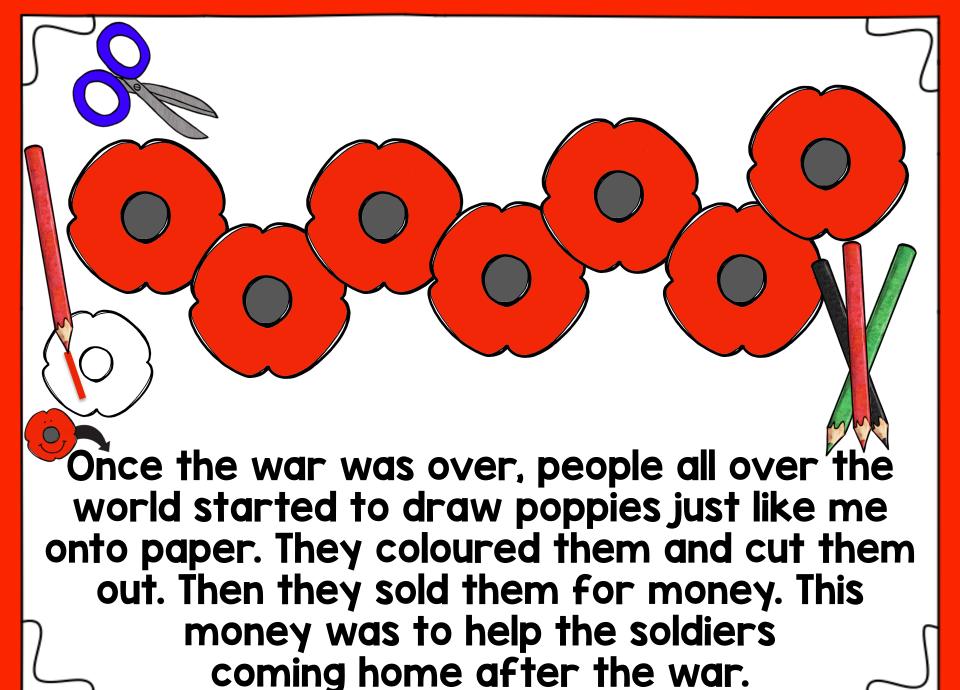
His poem honoured all the brave men and women who fought in the war. Many of these soldiers died in that war. People everywhere loved his poem.

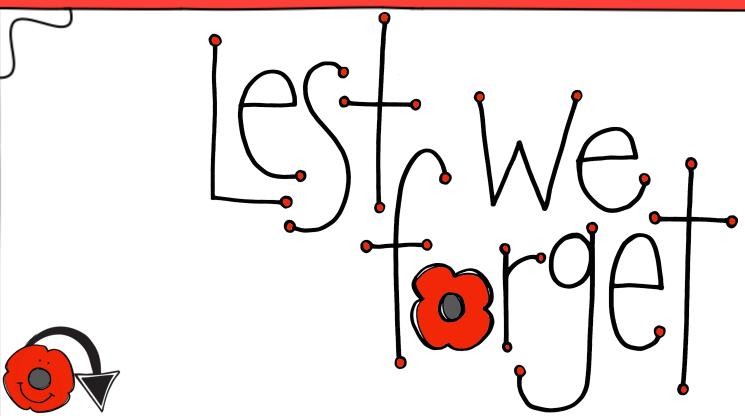


Some of the soldiers who died are buried in Flanders Fields. In between each of their crosses, the poppies grow.



World War I ended on November IIth at II o'clock in the year 1918. It had lasted for 4 years. Finally the soldiers could come home.





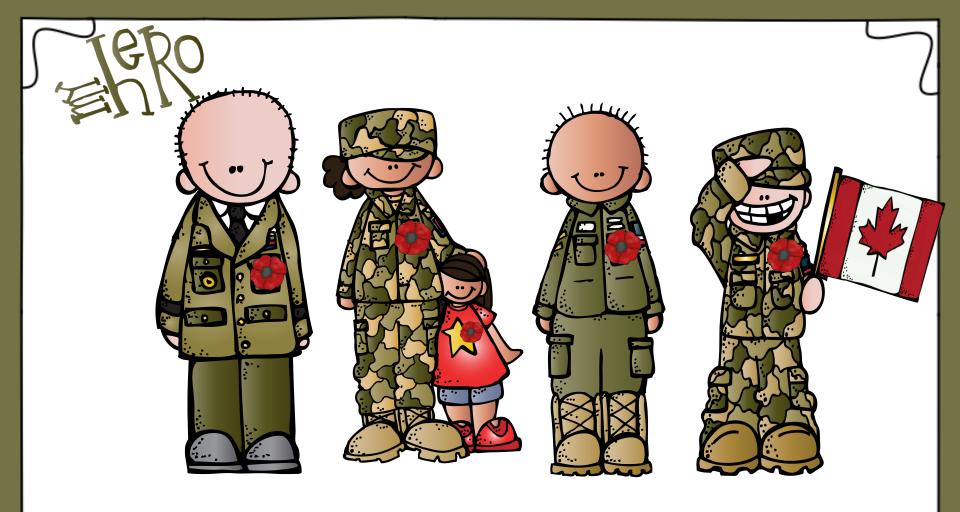
The poppy started to be very popular. In I921, 3 years after World War I ended, the Great War Veterans' Association decided to make the poppy Canada's official symbol of remembrance. Canada had its first Poppy Day on November II, I921.



Today, people in Canada wear those same paper poppies on their suits, coats, jackets, shirts and sometimes even on their hats. Now, poppies are made from plastic and the soldiers who once fought in wars help make these poppies.



I am a symbol. When you see me, it reminds you of the brave men and women who saved your country and gave you the freedom that you have today.

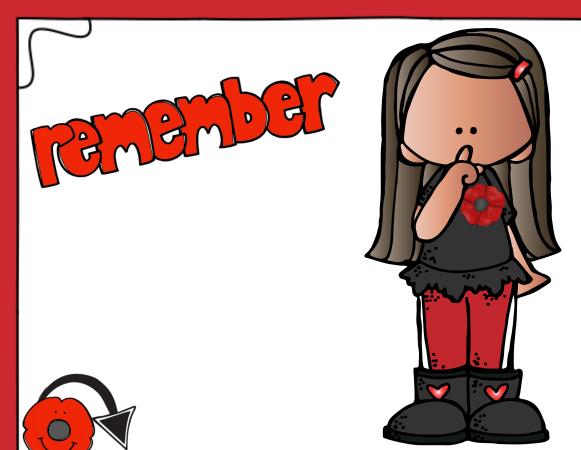


We call these brave men and women veterans. They are our heroes. These veterans are wearing poppies over their hearts, which is how most people wear them.





Every year since World War I ended, we take time on the IIth of November to honour and remember the soldiers who fought not just in World War I, but in all wars. We call this day Remembrance Day.





On Remembrance Day at II o'clock in the morning, we stop everything we are doing and stay silent for one minute. We wear a poppy and we think about those courageous soldiers who went to war.



Canada will never forget the bravery of its veterans and the soldiers of today. This place is called the Cenotaph. It is in Ottawa, Canada's capital. Can you see all the poppies there?



Here is a picture of the real Flanders Fields. Look at all the poppies growing between the soldiers' graves.



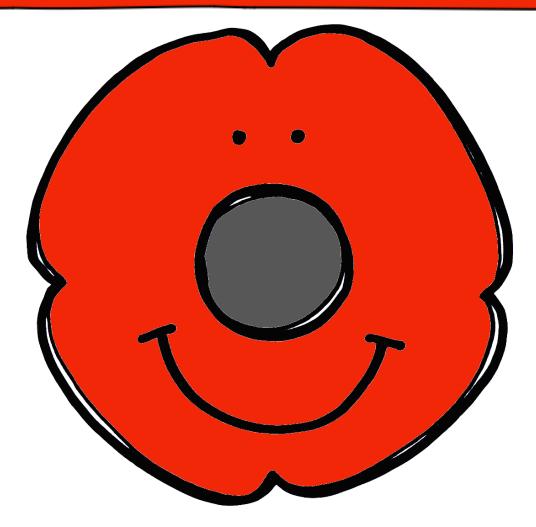
Here is the Remembrance Day quarter. It has 2 red poppies on it. In the middle is a Canadian soldier and the maple leaf. This quarter was made to honour our veterans.



In November, we remember. Kids just like you wear a poppy. This little girl is saluting just like soldiers and veterans do.

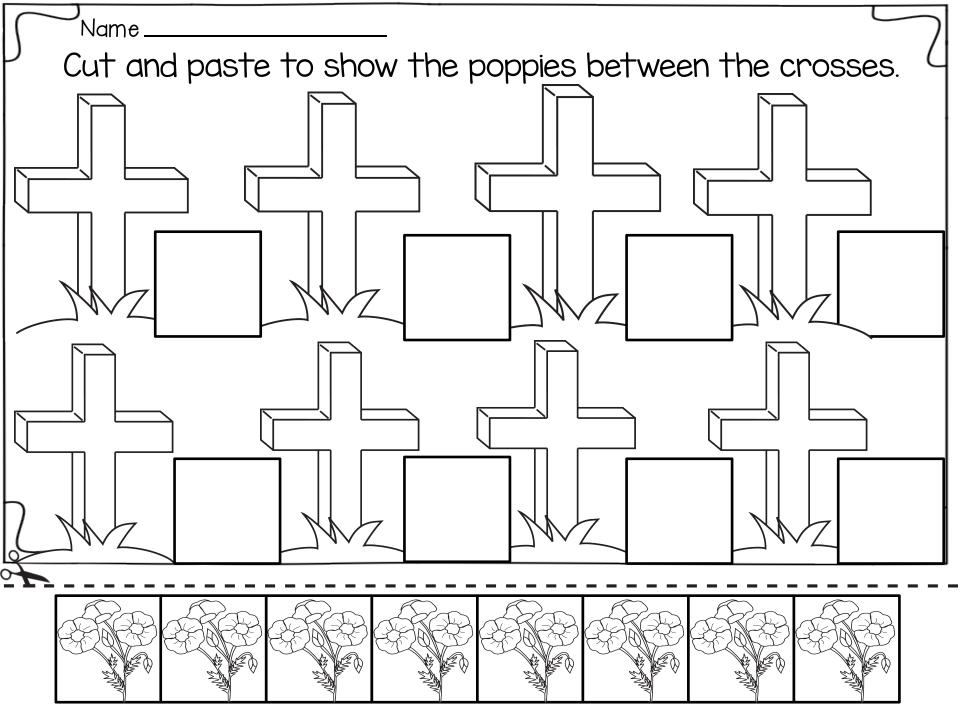


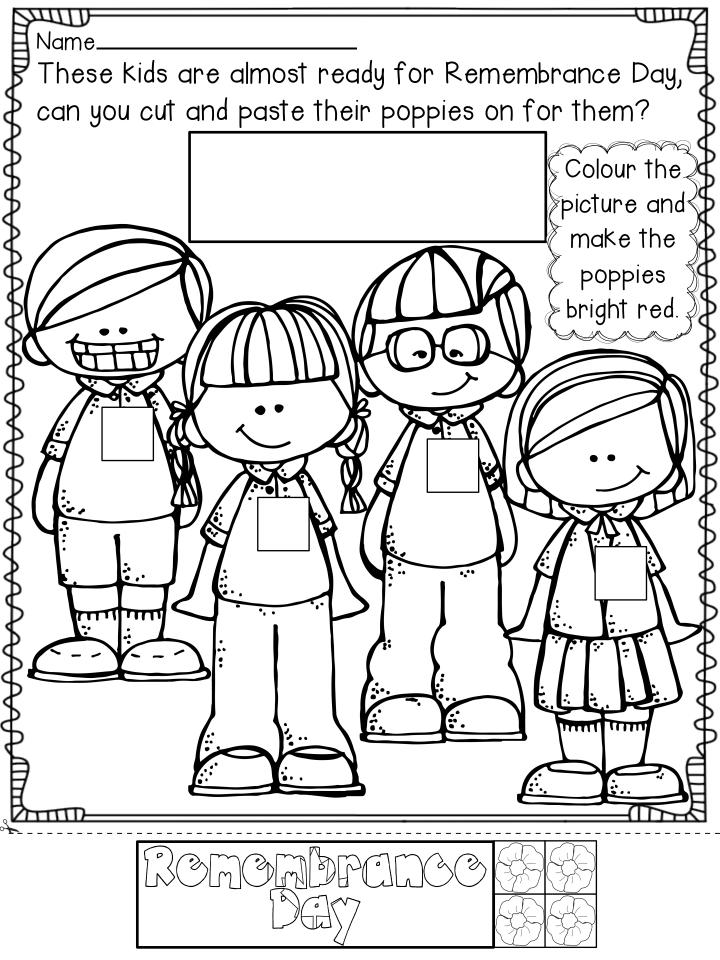
This Remembrance Day if you see a veteran, you can shake hands and say Thank You for keeping Canada safe for kids just like you.

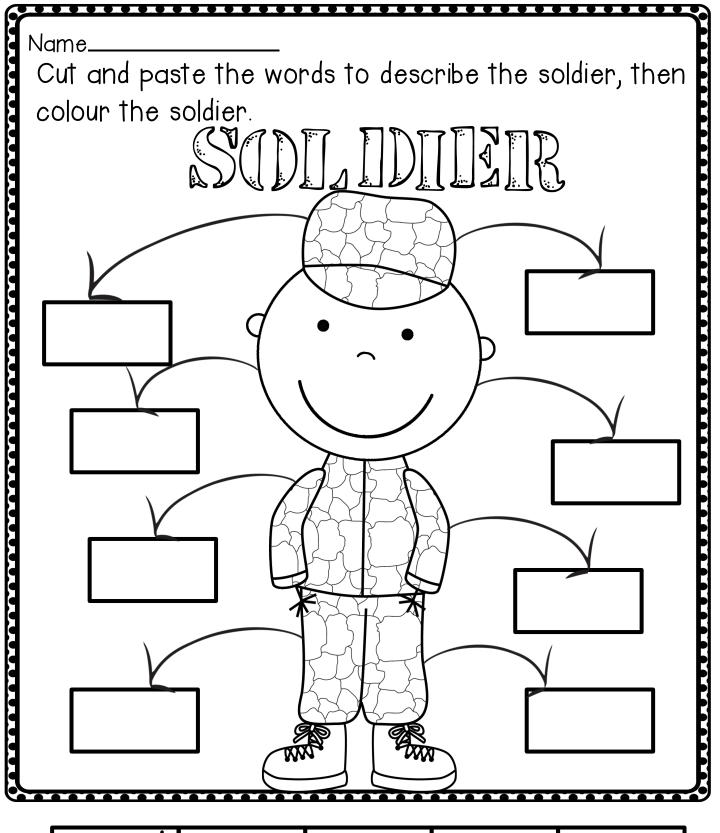


Now whenever you see me, you will know how I came to be the symbol of remembrance in Canada.





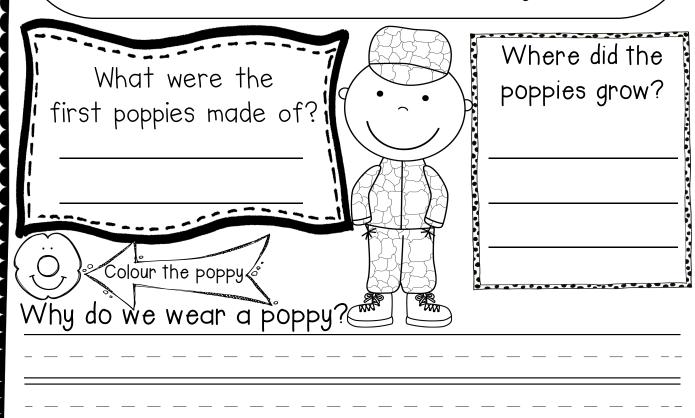


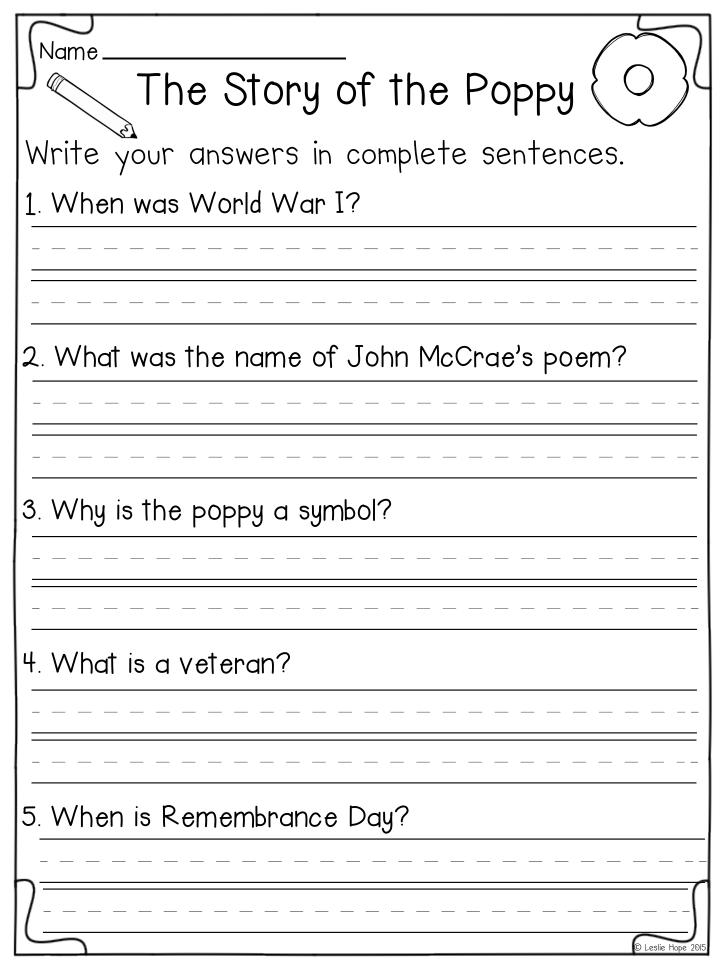


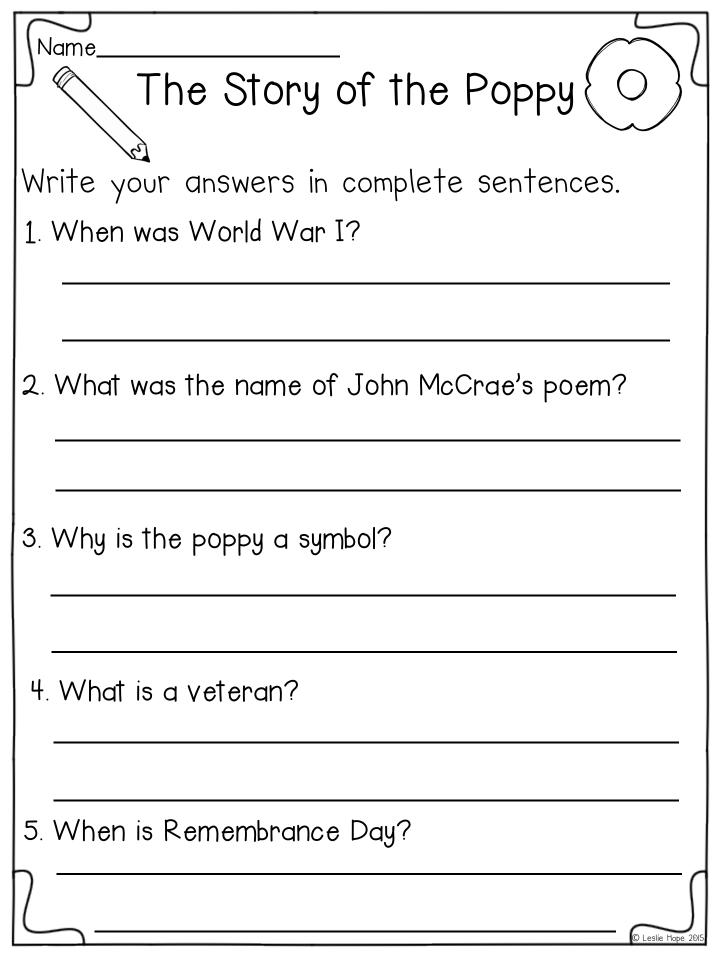
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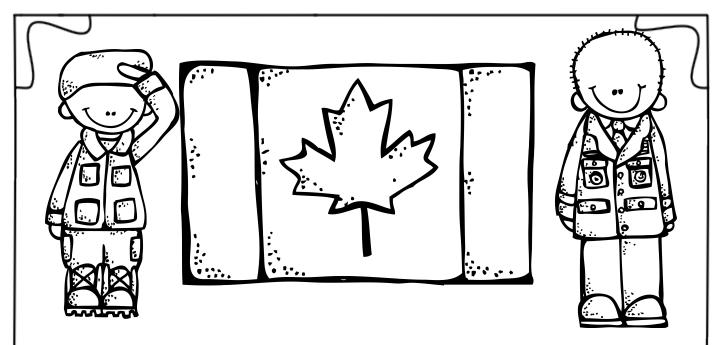
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World War I was more than 100 years ago. Many brave soldiers fought in this war. On the battlefields, poppies grew out of the mud and dirt. A Canadian soldier named John McCrae wrote a poem about the poppies and the soldiers. It was called In Flanders Fields. Poppies grew in between the crosses of the soldiers who were buried in Flanders Fields. After the war ended, people started to make paper poppies. These paper poppies are what we wear today. The poppy is a symbol. We wear a poppy to remember and honour our veterans on Remembrance Day.



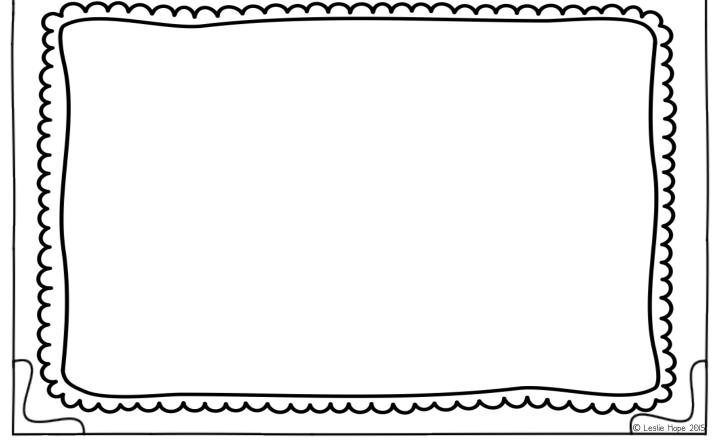


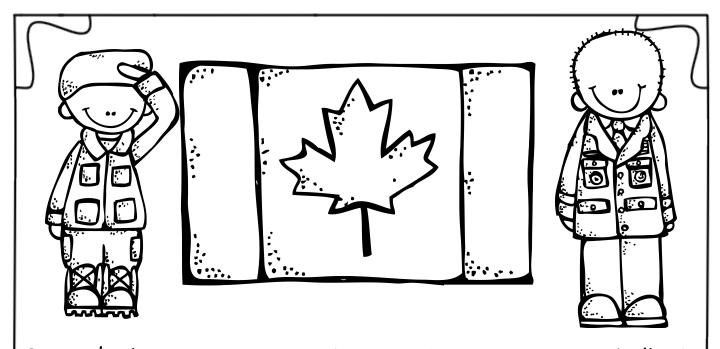




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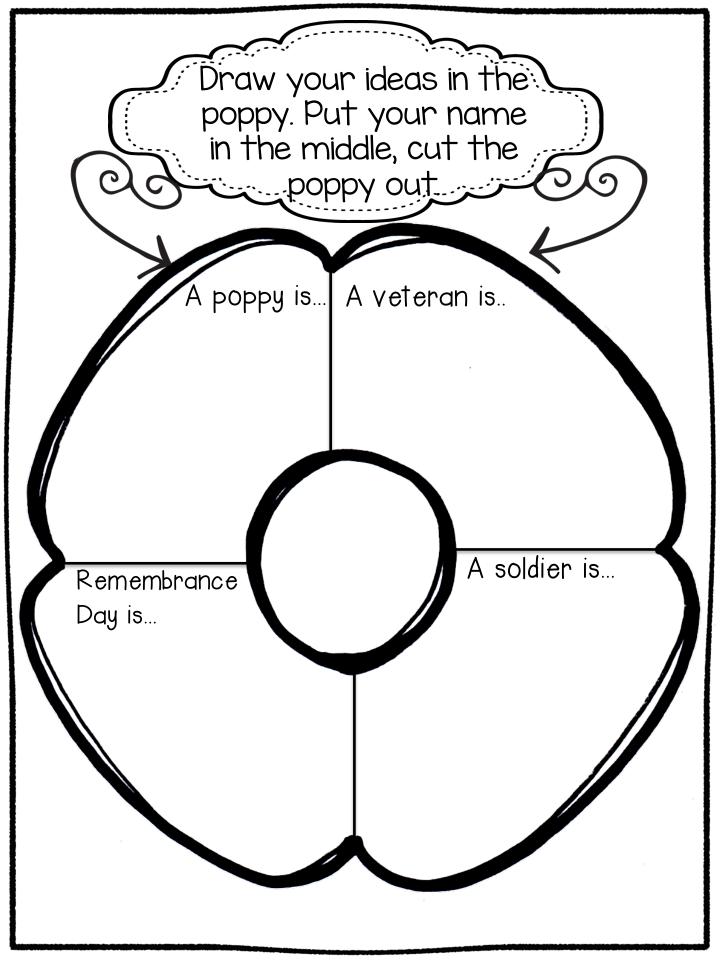
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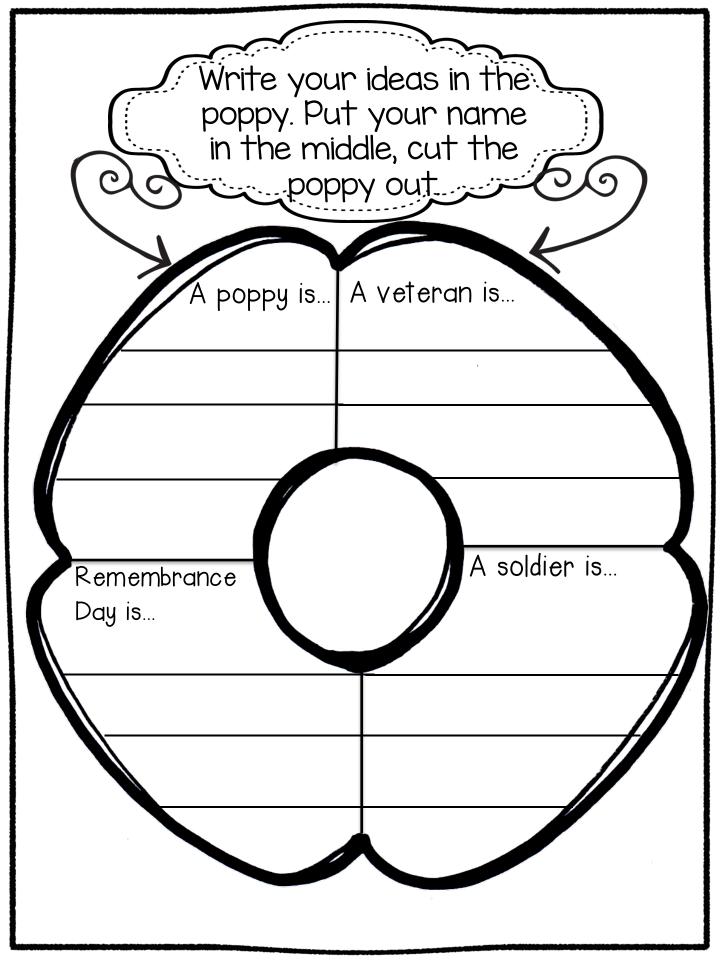
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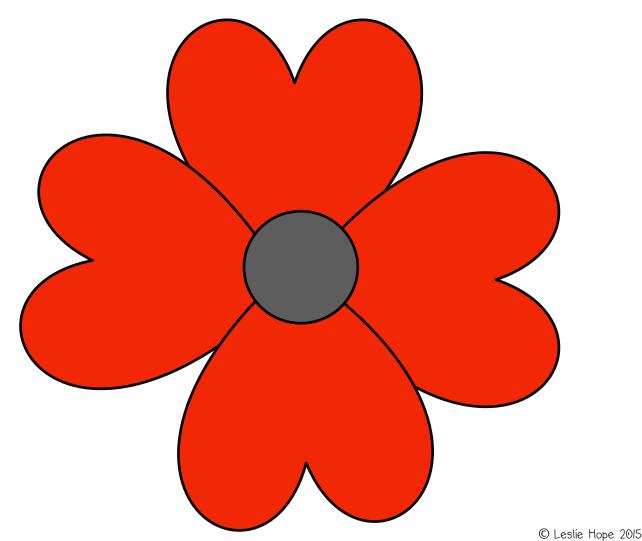
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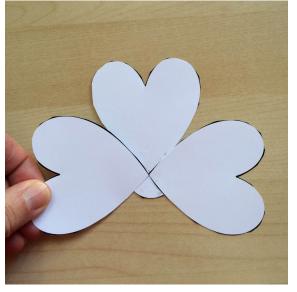


## Make a poppy

Each child in your class needs 4 heart shapes and 1 circle. If possible, use cardstock to make the poppies. It makes them more durable. But, they can also be made with regular paper. After cutting out the shapes, put glue on the back of the circle, then glue each point of the heart onto the circle. Your kids can colour or paint them.



## Make a poppy



Back of poppy, put glue on the circle, then glue petals in place.



Poppy turned over and assembled looks like this.



Coloured and completed poppy.

