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Remembrance Day



http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/7/7a/Lest_we_forget.jpg

This project is based on Remembrance Day (in the month of November).

You will be using work-related skills such as:
research, communications, team work and initiative.

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Read the text below.

Remembrance Day is a day to commemorate the sacrifices of members of the armed forces and of civilians in times of war, specifically since the **First World War**. It is observed on **11 November** to recall the end of World War I on that date in 1918. (Major hostilities of World War I were formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918 with the German signing of the Armistice.) The day was specifically dedicated by King George V, on 7 November 1919, to the observance of members of the armed forces who were killed during war.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Remembrance_day

Tasks

1) Answer the following questions:

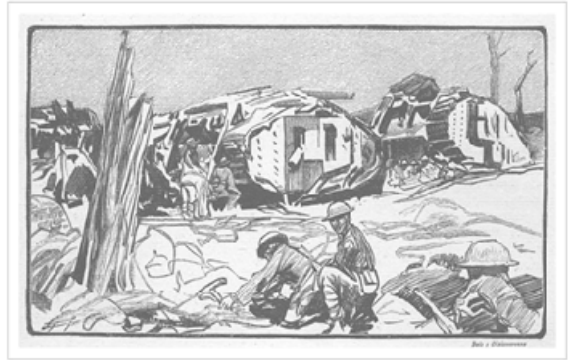
- Remembrance Day commemorates what?
- Which of the world wars does Remembrance Day recall?
- The day was dedicated by whom?



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2) Using a dictionary, look up the meanings to the following words and write them down.

- Commemorate
- Veteran
- Dedicate
- Civilian
- Observe



3) Working in pairs or small groups find out:

- What does the word *Cenotaph* mean? Where would we find the national *Cenotaph*?

Answer:

- Why is the poppy used as the symbol for Remembrance Day?

Answer:

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Read the text below.

Ypres is a town in the Province of West Flanders in Belgium which was totally destroyed in the First World War and has been rebuilt. The Menin Gate Memorial to the Missing is situated at the eastern side of the town on the road to Menin.

The site of the Menin Gate was chosen because of the hundreds of thousands of men who passed through it on their way to the First World War battlefields. It now bears the names of more than 54,000 officers and men whose graves are not known. The memorial, designed by Sir Reginald Blomfield with sculpture by Sir William Reid-Dick, was unveiled by Lord Plumer in July 1927.

Each night at 8 pm the traffic is stopped at the Menin Gate while members of the local fire brigade sound the Last Post in the roadway under the Memorial's arches.

<http://www.poppo.org.uk/remembrance/flanders'-field-of-poppies/menin-gate>

Answer the following questions.

- 1) Ypres is found where?

- 2) Which war does the memorial relate to?

- 3) What is the number of names engraved on the memorial?

- 4) Who designed the memorial and in which year was it unveiled?

- 5) The members of the local fire brigade play what and at what time?

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Working in pairs or small groups...

- Can you name as many countries as possible that fought on the side of Great Britain in the Great War?

- What peace declaration was signed on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month 1918?

- Since the First World War Britain has fought in other wars, can you name them up to the present day?



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Read the text below.

Remembrance Day is all about remembering those during conflict. One of the major atrocities that we remember is the **Holocaust**. This was the mass **extermination** of Jews (Approx. 6 million) during the period of the Second World War.

The Nazis, under the rule of Adolf Hitler, sort out to annihilate the Jewish population (and other communities including: Gypsies, people with disabilities, homosexuals and people from other political parties).

The Jews were sent to concentration camps, or 'Death Camps' where they were forced to work in slave labour and in a lot of cases gassed to death.

One of the worst camps was Auschwitz, which was situated in Poland. It was estimated that about 3 million people were exterminated at this concentration camp not just by gas but also systematic starvation, forced labor, lack of disease control, individual executions, and purported "medical experiments".

Tasks

1) Answer the following questions:

- What was the Holocaust?
- Where were Jews and other communities sent to during the Second World War?
- Where is Auschwitz?
- What happened at Auschwitz?

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2) Using a dictionary, look up and write down the meanings of these words.

Atrocity

Exterminate

Systematic

Purported



3) Why do you think it is important to remember events such as the Holocaust? Please state your answer below.

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Writing Task

You are now going to produce a piece of writing. **This is good practice for your final exam!** You will be required to use correct grammar, punctuation, good sentence structure, paragraphing (if needed) and planning.

Either

- Write a letter to friend from the trenches (in the First World War) explaining about the conditions, the weather, the violence and the fact that you are so far away from home.
(You should use the internet and/or library to help you find out about what it was like in the trenches)

or

- Produce a newspaper article about the events of Ypres and how it was completely destroyed during the Great War. Remember, it needs to be set out like a front page of a newspaper (You should use the internet and/or library and other newspapers to help you find out about the events and the layout of a newspaper)

Remember to plan your work.

- Use a spider gram or a list to jot down your ideas.
- Then produce a draft piece of work.
- Show the draft to your tutor before you start your final piece of writing.

**You have now completed all of the tasks.
Check your work carefully.
Well Done!**