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# **Remembering on Remembrance Day**

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A Readers Theater Script  
for Older Elementary School  
Readers

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This is a short Readers Theater piece designed to be read-aloud at a Remembrance Day School Assembly.

The script involves 4 solo readers and a CHORUS that can be made up of as many or as few other student readers as you wish. The reading can be easily staged with the 4 readers placed centre (or slightly off-centre) stage behind microphones and music stands (to hold their scripts) and the chorus off to one side or on risers behind the readers.

The chorus lines in this piece are just as important as the solo reader lines, so rehearsals will be needed to help the chorus members speak clearly, in unison, and with feeling. You may want to appoint someone to direct the chorus as is done in a choral reading performance. Chorus members will hold their scripts during the performance. You might want to place each script in light-weight folders of the same colour.

All solo readers and chorus members will wear poppies, if possible.

If an overhead projector and screen are available, you might project the lines from "In Flanders Field" as the Chorus speaks them. Each time the Chorus speaks, the new lines would be added to the screen until the entire poem is seen.

READER 1: On the 11th hour...

READER 2: Of the 11th day...

READER 3: Of the 11th month...

READER 4: Canadians are asked to stop what they are doing and think about the thousands of men and women who have sacrificed their lives in military service.

**CHORUS: "In Flanders Fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row"**

READER 1: We remember those who died during the First and Second World Wars,

READER 2: in Korea and Afghanistan...

READER 3: And during many other peacekeeping assignments.

**CHORUS: "That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly."**

- READER 4: A long time ago, a man named John McCrae...
- READER 1: Saw poppy flowers growing beside a grave of his close friend who had died in battle.
- READER 2: So he wrote a poem called "In Flanders Field"...
- READER 3: And it has become one of the most famous Canadian poems ever written!

**CHORUS: "Scarce heard amid the guns below.**

**We are the Dead. Short days ago**

**We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,**

**Loved, and were loved...**

- READER 4: Because of that poem, the poppy was adopted as "The Flower of Remembrance"...
- READER 1: ...In Canada, France, the U.S, Britain and the Commonwealth countries.

READER 2: And Canadians have been wearing poppies on Remembrance Day for over 90 years!

**CHORUS: ...And now we lie in Flanders fields!**

READER 3: Today Canadians all across the country buy millions of poppies and proudly wear them on Remembrance Day.

READER 4: The money we spend on our poppies helps the Royal Canadian Legion buy food...

READER 1: ...And give shelter and medical attention...

READER 2: ...To Canadian servicemen and women everywhere!

READER 3: But those poppies do more than raise money for our troops.

READERS 1/2/4: They do?

READER 3: Sure! They remind us to treasure our freedom and never stop trying to change this world into a better place. It's our job to carry the torch.