## What does the poppy symbolize and why is it important?

The poppy was a symbol of remembrance for the First World War. The red poppy was found on the Western Front, during the First World War. The Poem, "In Flanders Fields", written by a Canadian soldier, John McRae made poppies a symbol of the blood that the soldiers shed while fighting in the war. "In Flanders' Fields the poppies blow, between the crosses row on row"

In 1925 the Canadian Legion formed and continued using the poppy as a symbol of peace and remembrance. The first poppies were made by disabled veterans out of cloth with a stick pin. The poppy is worn on the left lapel close to the heart.

It is important that we wear poppies close to our heart, to show that we are very grateful that the soldiers fought to create peace. We keep wearing poppies out of respect for the soldiers that keep fighting for peace and that fought for peace.

It is important that everyone remembers the soldiers and veterans and everyday people like me and you that left their homes and families in sacrifice to save everyone.

My great grandparents lived in Holland during the second world war. My grandmother's family hid Canadian soldiers in their barn and protected them. When the bombs and grenades hit the town, everyone had to go hide in a bunker, or a windmill. Families were separated because men and women were taken into work camps for the Nazis.

I am thankful for the soldiers that fought and saved my family. My life in Canada is safe from war because so many Canadian soldiers saved us. I wear a poppy to remember the people who fought, who saved my family and many others. I wear a poppy because I am thankful. I wear a poppy to respect and remember. I wear a poppy in hopes for a peaceful future.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eOOykzu5MbY

Here is a video about a little boy named Leo who lived through world war two with his family.

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