

Remembrance Day Assignment

Embracing Our History

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- Materials required:**
1. Reference photos from newspapers, magazines, and internet.
 2. Good quality drawing or watercolor paper (black, white, or colored papers).
 3. Graphite, colored pencil, oil pastel, chalk pastel, or water colors.
 4. Blending stump
 5. Patience; imagination; persistence.
- Timeframe:** 10 – 12 classes
- Dimensions:** Minimum size 11"x14"; maximum size 18"x24"
- Elements & Principals:** Refer to the posters in the wall or your handout provided in class. Incorporate some or all of the elements and principals in your composition.
- Description:** Using black and white OR color materials, create a poster commemorating Remembrance Day in Canada.
- Guidelines:** You MUST include a border on your work that is about 1 inch all the way around your entire image. Use the steel inking rulers as your guide to ensure everyone has the same size border. The reason for having the same size border is so the posters will look nice when displayed together during the Remembrance Day ceremonies. You must include only Canadian subjects and focus on Canada's role in military history.

Facts on Remembrance Day

- Remembrance Day commemorates Canadians who died in the First and Second World Wars, and the Korean War. It is held every November 11.
- The first Remembrance Day was conducted in 1919 throughout the Commonwealth. Originally called Armistice Day, it commemorated the end of the First World War on Monday, November 11, 1918, at 11 a.m.: the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month.
- From 1923 to 1931, Armistice Day was held on the Monday of the week in which November 11 fell. Thanksgiving was also celebrated on this day.
- In 1931, MP Allan Neill introduced a bill to hold Armistice Day on a fixed day - November 11. During the bill's introduction, it was decided the word "Remembrance" would be used instead of "Armistice." The bill passed and Remembrance Day was first conducted on November 11, 1931. Thanksgiving Day was moved to October 12 that year.
- The poppy is the symbol of Remembrance Day. Replica poppies are sold by the Royal Canadian Legion to raise money for Veterans.

Getting Started: When developing your composition, try to incorporate aspects of the Canadian military past with the present (see references at end of assignment). Also, include emblems such as the Canadian flag, Canadian war memorials, and the poppy (poppies),

For Your Sketchbook: Complete a series of quick thumbnail drawings to plan your image. These quick studies should only be about two inches high and demonstrate your thought process. Make written jot notes to indicate additional information such as colors, textures, shape, form,

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DEFINITION: Thumbnail Sketches are Shorthand Notes for Artists:

Thumbnail sketches are drawing quick, abbreviated drawings. Usually, they are done very rapidly and with no corrections - you can use any medium, though pen or pencil is the most common. Thumbnails sketches are usually very small, often only an inch or two high.

Library Research:

We will only have one class for research in the library so **make good use of your time.** Before you go to the library, try making a **word list**, or do some **thumbnail drawings** so you know what you will be looking for. Use the **references at the end** of this assignments sheet to help get you started. **Print and save** anything you think will be useful in your final composition and make **color notes** on the printouts for reference when you get back to class.

Evaluation:

You will be graded on the following:

- 30% Creativity
- 20% Sketchbook
- 20% Elements and Principals of Art
- 20% Composition (placement of objects in the space)
- 10% Presentation (1 inch border, no smudges, fingerprints, or folds*)

***NOTE: I will not accept a drawing if there is a fold in it. You will have to redo the entire piece.**

References:

www.legion.ca

Veterans Affairs Canada

World War I

World War II

Korean Conflict

War on Afghanistan

Canadian Peace Keeping

http://www.vac-acc.gc.ca/youth/sub.cfm?source=teach_resources/50ways_remember

<http://www.vac-acc.gc.ca/remembers/sub.cfm?source=history>

<http://www.vac-acc.gc.ca/remembers/sub.cfm?source=collections/poster>