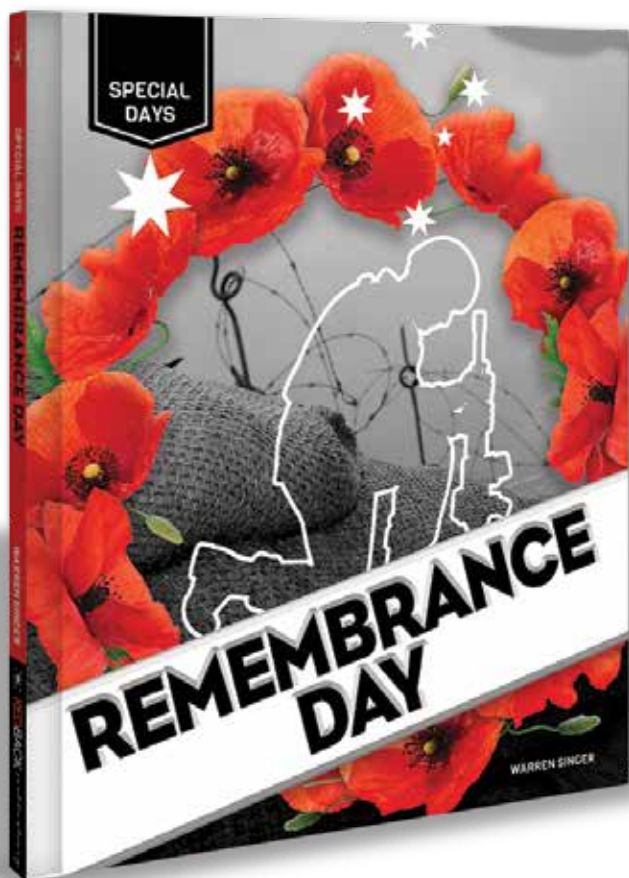




REMEMBRANCE DAY

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ABOUT THE BOOK

Remembrance Day is one of Australia's most important national days. Along with Anzac Day, it is a time to stop and think about the armed forces members who have given their lives for their country. Find out what the traditions and symbols mean, and what is relevant about the number eleven in the commemorations.

ABOUT THE SERIES

Australians celebrate or commemorate a number of special days throughout the year. These special days give us the chance to reflect on the past, appreciate our lives and look to the future together.



CLASSROOM DISCUSSION IDEAS

A MINUTE OF SILENCE

Every 11th of November at 11 am, many public places encourage you to stop and spend a minute of silence reflecting on the all the members of the armed forces that sacrificed so much for our country and for keeping us safe.

As a class, discuss what kind of things you can think about during the minute of silence.

What is the significance of the flags flying at half-mast?

Why is it important to remember historic events and people with care and reverence?

WHY POPPIES?

The poppy had become the symbol of remembrance; different coloured poppies honour different groups affected in war.

Who else do we remember on Remembrance Day and what is their floral commemoration? Are soldiers the only ones affected by war? How have other groups of people made sacrifices to help others in times of conflict?



THE ODE

World War I medic and English academic Laurence Binyon wrote the poem *For the Fallen*. It is from this poem that we get the verse:

*They shall grow not old,
as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun
and in the morning
We will remember them.*

Discuss the meaning of this verse. What is the tone? Is it sad, angry, hopeful, peaceful? What is the significance of reciting this ode every Remembrance Day?

AUSTRALIAN CURRICULUM SUBJECTS AND TOPICS

HISTORY (AC9HS3K02)

Significant events, symbols and emblems that are important to Australia's identity and diversity, and how they are celebrated, commemorated or recognised in Australia.

