

# Chalk Talk

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PLEASE SHARE CHALK TALK WITH YOUR COLLEAGUES !!!

## Letter from the Editor

Dear Educators:

**All the beautiful sentiments in the world weigh less than a single beautiful action" — James Russell Lowell, American poet**

I wish I still sent postcards. I used to love to collect them, and still do, but now I buy them as souvenirs and leave them blank on the back. I remember the thrill of receiving a card of some beautifully photographed faraway place, adorned with a collectible stamp or two and the inevitable message — "Having a good time. Wish you were here."



A great way to honour our soldiers as we approach this year's Remembrance Day is to write to them either by mail or online. The following heartfelt

message from an Ontario student to our Canadian soldiers currently serving in Afghanistan, is one of tens of thousands that have been posted on the National Defence's "Write to the Troops" website:

***"We are proud of you. You R doing selfless duty with extreme sacrifice. Come home safely. We are waiting for U."***

Imagine how it feels for a soldier to read these messages — to know that they are not forgotten. Now imagine how great it would be to remember all Canadian veterans from the past 100 years!

This November, why not encourage your students to participate in an Act of Remembrance? This week's **Chalk Talk** features classroom resources from Veterans Affairs including [Postcards for Peace](#). CoEd Communications is dedicated to supporting the important work and invites you to visit [www.4edu.ca](http://www.4edu.ca) to view the many free teachers' resources on offer. [Your comments are welcome.](#)

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**TWO LUCKY STUDENTS Will WIN A TRIP TO OTTAWA!**  
(See Contest details BELOW)

## Remembrance Resources for the Classroom



# How you will Remember?

## VETERANS' WEEK

November 5-11

Veterans Affairs Canada offers educators a wide selection of **free, bilingual** resources about Remembrance and Canada's military history, from the South African War to today.

You can make use of our resources in multiple formats. If high-quality printed copies are what you need, you can request many of our materials using our easy-to-use [on-line ordering system](#) (there are absolutely **no purchase costs** and **no shipping charges**). And if you are looking for instant access to our materials, our [Veterans Affairs Canada](#) Web site is the place to go.

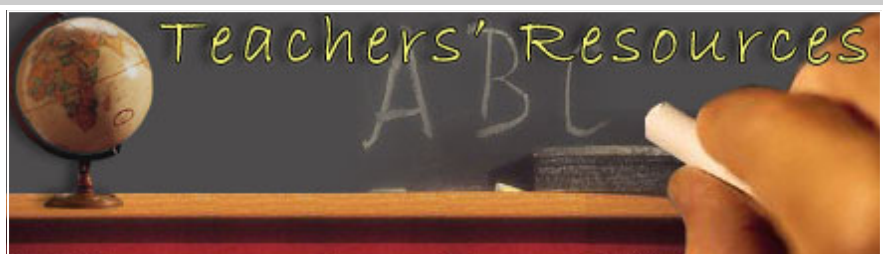


Let's explore some of the resources that you might find useful to engage students.

Each fall, Veterans Affairs Canada distributes hundreds of thousands of copies of our Veterans' Week youth newspapers across Canada. [Tales of Animals in War](#) is aimed at youth aged 5 to 11 and introduces concepts of remembrance to a young audience in a gentle manner using the six Remembrance Clubhouse animal characters. The [Canada Remembers Times](#) is aimed at youth aged 12 to 18 and explores interesting chapters from Canada's military heritage, from the First World War to today. Both these bilingual colour newspapers come in sets of 30, ideal for use in a classroom setting or for distribution in a school library. Order yours today [here](#). To download companion Teacher's guides, [click here](#).



For more information about these and other Veterans Affairs historical resources, see below.



**V-J Day at Last!**

Canada and Allied forces closed the bloody days marking the end of the Second World War in August 1945. On August 15, 1945, the Japanese Emperor announced the end of the war. The war had lasted for six years, 20 months and 14 days. It was the longest and deadliest conflict in human history. The war had cost the lives of more than 60 million people. The war had also cost the lives of more than 60 million people. The war had also cost the lives of more than 60 million people.

**100 Years of the Canadian Navy**

The Canadian Navy was founded in 1910. It is the oldest of the three Canadian armed forces. The Canadian Navy has a long and distinguished history. It has played a major role in the defence of Canada and the world. The Canadian Navy has also played a major role in the development of the world's oceans. The Canadian Navy has a proud tradition of service and sacrifice. It is a proud member of the Canadian Armed Forces.

**The Murmansk Run**

One of the most dangerous missions of the Second World War was the Murmansk Run. It was a mission to deliver supplies to the Soviet Union. The mission was carried out by the Canadian Navy. The Canadian Navy played a major role in the Murmansk Run. The Canadian Navy was instrumental in the success of the mission. The Canadian Navy was a key part of the Allied effort to defeat the Axis powers.

**The Liberation of the Netherlands**

The liberation of the Netherlands during the Second World War was a significant event. It was the first time that a European country had been liberated from the clutches of the Axis powers. The Canadian Army played a major role in the liberation of the Netherlands. The Canadian Army was instrumental in the success of the mission. The Canadian Army was a key part of the Allied effort to defeat the Axis powers.

The [Canada Remembers Times](#) (front page, left) is aimed at youth aged 12 to 18 and explores interesting chapters from Canada's military heritage, from the First World War to today.

The Canada Remembers Times includes stories on Canada's participation in the South African War, the 100th anniversary of the Canadian Navy, V-E Day, V-J Day, the Liberation of the Netherlands, the Korean War, and modern day Canadian Forces' involvement in the former Yugoslavia and Afghanistan and much more. This bilingual colour newspaper comes in sets of 30.

An online teacher's guide is also available.



**'Read All About It'**  
**News That's Made For Kids!**

[Tales of Animals in War](#) is aimed at youth aged 5 to 11 and introduces concepts of remembrance to a young audience in a gentle manner using the six Remembrance Clubhouse animal characters: Simone the Cat, Ellie the Elephant, Bonfire Jr. the horse, Gandy the dog, Squeaker the pigeon and Win the bear.

These bilingual colour newspapers (shown right) come in sets of 30, ideal for use in a classroom setting or for distribution in a school library.

**Order your class set today! Downloadable teacher's guide available.**

Educators can also order colourful [Veterans' Week posters](#), available in 8.5" x 11" and 18" x 24" sizes. Veterans' Week bookmarks are very popular as well for use in schools in the fall.

To request these free materials, you can call Veterans Affairs Canada toll free at 1-877-604-8469 or use our convenient on-line [Veterans' Week ordering system](#). This easy-to-use system allows you to make your order instantaneously. If you order by the second week of October, you will be assured of receiving your materials prior to [Veterans' Week](#), November 5 to 11.

**June 30**  
Hi! My name is Gandy the dog. My Remembrance Clubhouse friends are on their way here to Newfoundland and Labrador—my family's home province.

I'm pretty excited about them coming, and I'm getting ready for our adventure. Our plan is to travel for the next months, on a mighty road trip that will take us from Atlantic Canada all the way west to British Columbia.

Simone the cat e-mailed me kilometres wide, but we share a common link: remembrance. We'll see it all across the country!"

Squeaker the pigeon has already made a trip by air to the Far North. He'll be sharing his unique "bird's eye view" of remembrance with us!

Ellie the elephant texted from the airport: "I haven't even taken off, but I already have butterflies in my stomach thinking of our new adventure! My luggage is stuffed with symbols of remembrance."

The six of us will get together tonight. We'll start our journey tomorrow at the July 1st Memorial Day ceremony in St. John's. I'll be remembering my great-grandfather Gander, who served in the Second World War.

Hey! July 1st is also Canada Day—what a perfect day to start our cross-Canada tour! We'll keep you posted along the way! Check out the next page for some details of our trip. If you want to be part of remembrance yourself, why don't you search for symbols of

**Website of the week**

**Veterans Affairs Canada**  
www.vac-acc.gc.ca

**Veterans Affairs Canada Learning Materials — Available Online!**  
Veterans Affairs Canada also produces high-quality resources created specifically for educators. We are in the process of updating its multimedia learning kits on Canada's participation in the First and Second World Wars and the Korean War. The new kits will be bilingual and available on a multi-disc format.

The same comprehensive high quality teacher's guide, posters and audio visual resources will still be available, in addition to a host of new materials, including historical publications, additional audio visual resources and learning modules.

The new First World War kit was released in June and contains two discs, a data disc and a video disc, and is

packaged in an attractive, compact, easy to store DVD case. The Second World War and Korean War kits will be available sometime later next year.

Go to our '[On Line Ordering System](#)' to learn more about these resources.

We also offer on-line learning modules for you and your school focussing on specific military events, such as the [Liberation of the Netherlands](#), the [Battle of the Scheldt](#), [D-Day and the Battle of Normandy](#), the [Italian Campaign](#), and the [Battle of the Atlantic](#).

### **MORE Veterans Affairs Canada Historical Resources**

'Remembrance' is an important part of being a well-informed Canadian. How can we truly understand the country we have today without a knowledge of the sacrifices and achievements that have been made by our Veterans and current Canadian Forces members to protect the peace and freedom we enjoy?

That is where our wide selection of historical resources can come in. For a country that has an international reputation for peace, Canada has taken part in many wars and conflicts. Knowing what Canada did - and why - is important. Veterans Affairs Canada has a wide selection of historical publications like [historical information sheets](#) and [historical booklets](#), covering many chapters of our military heritage from the First World War to modern-day Canadian Forces efforts.

Check out the '[History](#)' portion of our Web site to explore some of our resources for yourself. Most of our materials are available in **HTML** and downloadable **PDF** formats. You can also order high-quality printed versions of many of our materials using our on-line [educational products ordering system](#).

Veterans Affairs Canada also has dynamic [Web features](#) with a wealth of information on significant chapters from our military history. New this year is '[La force francophone](#)', a cool, interactive exploration of the many contributions made by French-speaking Canadians from coast-to-coast during the Second World War, featuring the personal recollections of people who contributed to the war effort on the home front and overseas.

'[Land of the Morning Calm - Canadians in Korea 1950-1953](#)' allows youth to hear about the events leading up to the Korean War, watch interviews with Canadian Veterans who were there, explore an interactive time line and map, and much more.

Veterans Affairs Canada has also launched several other new Web features on a variety of subjects from our country's proud military heritage, such as [Aboriginal-Canadian Veterans](#), the [100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Canadian Navy](#), the [65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the liberation of the Netherlands](#), [Canadians in the Far East during the Second World War](#), and much more. Visit our [Web site](#) today.



The contest deadline is October 8, 2010!

Hey Kids  
aged 7 to 14!

It's your turn to travel  
to Canada's Past...

### **Kayak Kids' Illustrated History Challenge 2010 — Deadline Oct. 8!**

[Canada's History Society](#) invites students, ages 7 to 14, to participate in **Kayak Kids' Illustrated History Challenge**, an exciting writing competition that encourages students to tell their OWN story about Canada's history for a chance to win a \$1,000 RESP, a trip for 2 to Ottawa to attend the Governor General's Awards for Excellence in Teaching Canadian History, and to have their story published in **Kayak Kids' Magazine**.

Just pick a time, place or event from Canada's history that interests you, research it and write a creative story between 500-1200 words including 1 to 3 original illustrations or archival photographs — comic strips and graphic novel treatments are okay. Use your imagination and have fun! Get writing today! **Contest closes October 8, 2010.** To view last year's winning entries and for more information [click here](#).

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