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SYMBOLS OF COMMEMORATION

CUBE

Educational Activities for Primary Students



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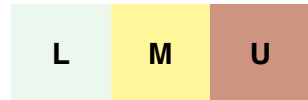
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INFORMATION FOR PRIMARY TEACHERS

The education activities in this resource are aligned to the Australian Curriculum: History and can be used with students in Years 2–6. Teachers are encouraged to adapt the activities to suit their own purposes as each of the six activities is discrete, allowing the selection and use of specific activities or parts of activities.

The following icons are a guide to suitability for lower (L), middle (M) or upper primary (U):



YEAR 2 HISTORY

THE PAST IN THE PRESENT

Historical Knowledge and Understanding:

- The history of a significant person, building, site or part of the natural environment in the local community and what it reveals about the past (ACHHK044)
- The importance today of an historical site of cultural or spiritual significance; for example, a community building, a landmark, a war memorial (ACHHK045)

YEAR 3 HISTORY

COMMUNITY AND REMEMBRANCE

Historical Knowledge and Understanding:

- Days and weeks celebrated or commemorated in Australia and the importance of symbols and emblems (ACHHK063)

YEAR 6 HISTORY

AUSTRALIA AS A NATION

Key Inquiry Question

- How did Australian society change throughout the twentieth century?

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Department of Veterans' Affairs, www.anzacportal.dva.gov.au

Roger Johnson, Monument Australia,

<http://monumentaaustralia.org.au/themes/conflict/multiple/display/51132-mannum-war-memorial>

CUBE IMAGES

These are the fifteen images found on the cube.



Veterans from the Second World War talk to a Navy sailor.

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Photographer: Corporal Christopher
Dickson



Men in uniform lay wreaths at a memorial.

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Photographer: Lauren Black



A slouch hat surrounded by poppy flowers.

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Photographer: Leading Aircraftman
Rodney Welch



Arthur Findon welcomed home from war by his family.

Australian War Memorial P08962.001



An Australian war cemetery in France.

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An Anzac Day dawn service at the Australian National Memorial in France.

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Photographer: Sergeant William Guthrie



A soldier plays the Last Post.

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An eternal flame lights the dawn service at the State War Memorial, Kings Park, Perth.

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Medals of Lieutenant Thomas Currie Derrick, VC, DCM (1914–1945).

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Mannum War Memorial, South Australia.

Image courtesy of Roger Johnson and Monument Australia



School students place poppies on the Roll of Honour at the Australian War Memorial.

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Men in uniform stand guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

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Medals and a sprig of rosemary are symbols of remembrance.

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Silence is a mark of respect to those who have died in war service.

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Australian soldiers walk through a destroyed French town during the First World War.

Australian War Memorial
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ACTIVITY 1: CAN YOU NAME ALL THE SYMBOLS OF COMMEMORATION?

Draw a line from each image to the symbols of commemoration.



Medals

Eternal Flame

Silence

Rosemary

Dawn Service

Wreaths

Red Poppies

Memorial



ACTIVITY 2: CAN YOU FIND THESE ON THE CUBE?

In pairs, use the cube to find an image of:

1. A flower

2. A memorial

3. A veteran

4. A member of the Australian Defence Force

5. War

6. A ceremony

7. A dog

8. Uniforms

9. Medals

10. A flag

ACTIVITY 3: SYMBOLS OF COMMEMORATION CROSSWORD

Complete the crossword below using the images of the symbols of commemoration as a guide.

The crossword puzzle grid consists of the following cells:

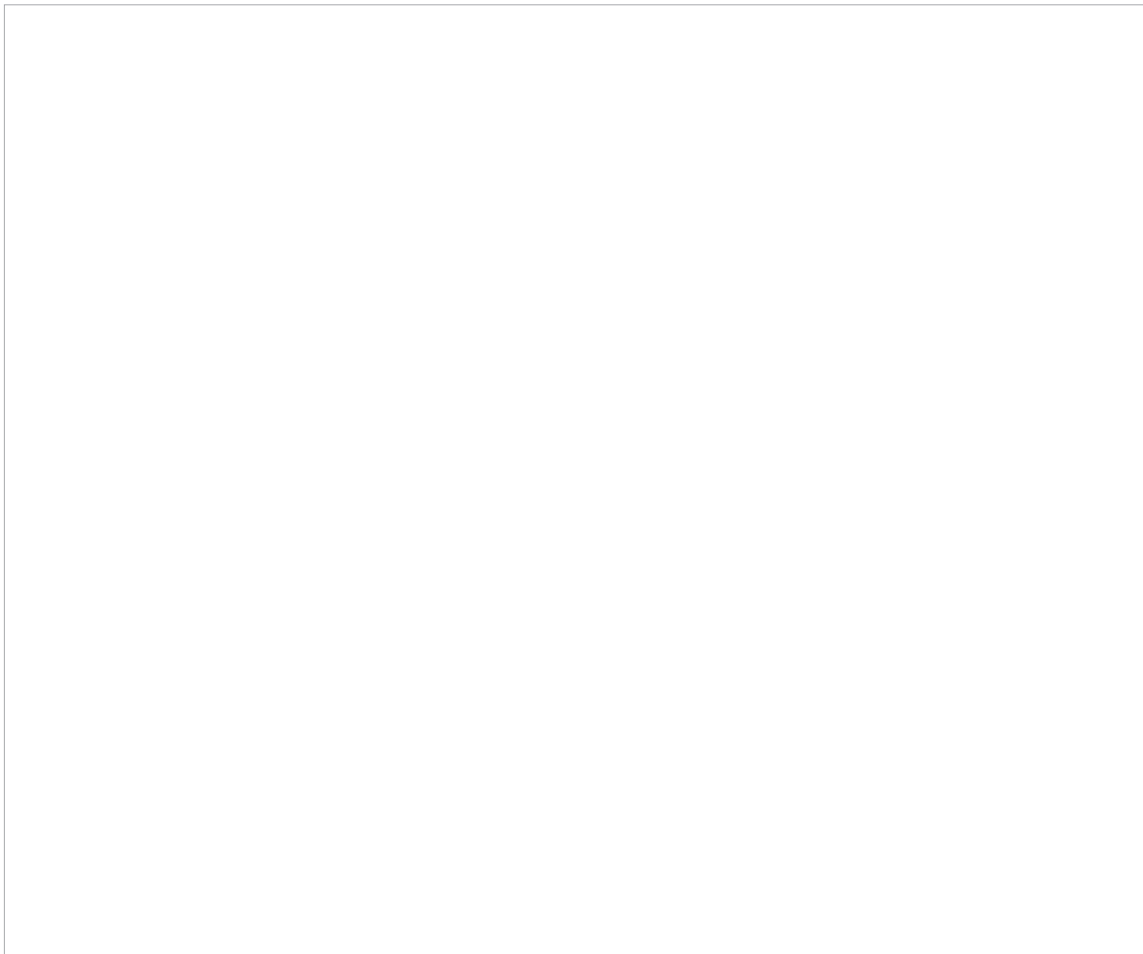
- Across 1: 8 cells, starting from the image of a man placing flowers.
- Across 2: 8 cells, starting from the image of medals.
- Across 3: 8 cells, starting from the image of a statue.
- Down 1: 3 cells, starting from the image of a man in a sailor's uniform.
- Down 2: 4 cells, starting from the image of a man placing flowers.
- Down 3: 4 cells, starting from the image of a statue.
- Down 4: 4 cells, starting from the image of a man in a sailor's uniform.

ACTIVITY 4: DRAWING ACTIVITY – DESIGN A MEDAL

People who serve in the Australian Defence Force are presented with medals to recognise their service and bravery. Look at the medals on the cube. A ribbon and a metal piece make up a medal.

Design your own medal in the space below.

- What colours will you make the ribbon?
- What shape will you choose for the metal piece?
- What symbols will you include?



Who would receive your medal and for what reason?

ACTIVITY 5: DID YOU KNOW? – MULTIPLE CHOICE ACTIVITY

Read the 'did you knows' on symbols of commemoration and complete the multiple choice activity on the following page.

One Minute's Silence

11 November is Remembrance Day. At 11 am we pause for a minute's silence to remember those who served or died for Australia in all wars and conflicts.

When this tradition first began the period of silence was two minutes.

The Last Post

The Last Post is the bugle call that signals the end of the day's activities.

It symbolises the duty of the dead is over and that they can rest in peace.

Rosemary

Since ancient times, the herb rosemary has been believed to improve your memory. Sprigs of rosemary are traditionally worn as a symbol of remembrance on Anzac Day.

It is also found growing on the Gallipoli peninsula where Australians fought in the First World War.

Red Poppies

During the First World War, red poppies were among the first plants to grow in the battlefields of northern France and Belgium.

Red poppies are known as the flower of remembrance and are traditionally worn on Remembrance Day.

Anzacs

The Australian New Zealand Army Corps (ANZAC) was formed in Egypt before the landing at Gallipoli in April 1915. The troops landed at Anzac Cove.

After the campaign, soldiers who served on Gallipoli wore a brass badge 'A' on their uniforms.

Statues

A statue with a soldier on a horse with its two feet in the air means the soldier died in combat.

If the horse has only one foot in the air, the soldier died of injuries from combat.

If it has all four feet on the ground, the soldier died of natural causes after the war ended.

Slouch Hat

This felt hat has been worn by the Australian Army since 1903. The left side of the hat is turned up to avoid having soldiers catch the brim with their rifles on parade.

During the First World War, Australian Light Horse units wore emu feather plumes on their slouch hats.

Victoria Cross

The Victoria Cross is the highest award for bravery in battle. One hundred Australians have received the medal.

They are still made from melted down cannons that Britain captured from Russia during the Crimean War.

MULTIPLE CHOICE ACTIVITY

Q1. The Victoria Cross medal is made from cannons Britain captured from which country?

- a) Japan
- b) France
- c) Germany
- d) Russia

Q2. If a statue has a horse with two of its feet in the air what does this mean?

- a) The soldier died of injuries from combat
- b) The soldier received a medal for bravery
- c) The soldier died in combat
- d) The soldier died of natural causes

Q3. Since ancient times rosemary was believed to improve your:

- a) Sleep
- b) Memory
- c) Eyesight
- d) Fitness

Q4. The Last Post is usually played with which brass instrument?

- a) Trumpet
- b) Tuba
- c) Bugle
- d) Euphonium

Q5. Red poppies are traditionally worn on which day of commemoration?

- a) Remembrance Day
- b) Anzac Day
- c) Battle for Australia Day
- d) Australia Day

Q6. At what time on Remembrance Day do we pause for a minute's silence?

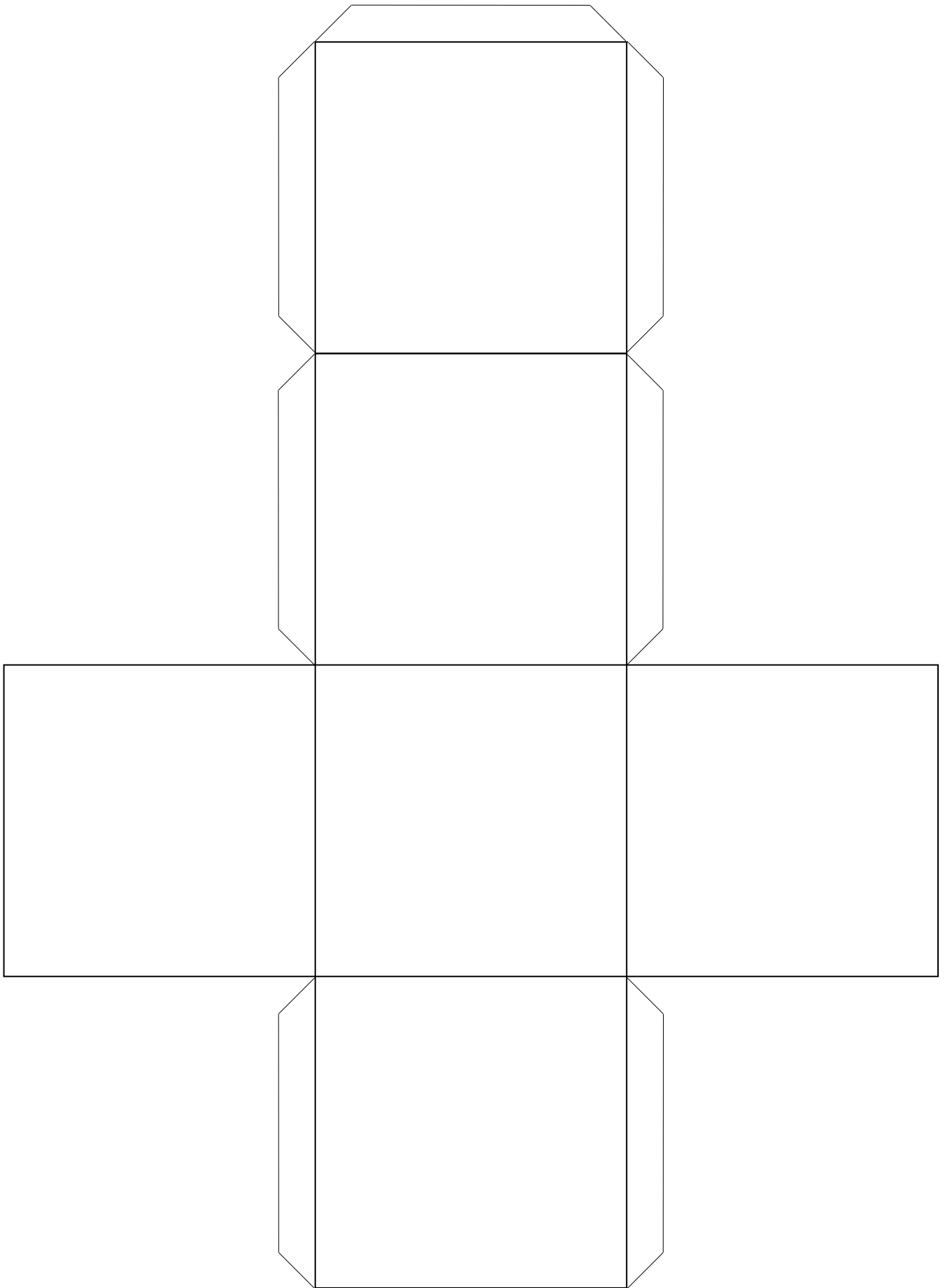
- a) 12 pm
- b) 5 am
- c) 7 pm
- d) 11 am

Q7. What brass letter did soldiers wear on their uniform to show they served in the Gallipoli campaign?

- a) G
- b) A
- c) T
- d) Z

Q8. During the First World War which unit wore emu feather plumes in their slouch hats?

- a) Engineers
- b) Australian Light Horse
- c) Artillery
- d) Medical Corps



CROSSWORD ANSWERS

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Symbols of Commemoration Crossword

The crossword puzzle grid contains the following words:

- Vertical Word 1:** VETERAN (Accompanied by a photo of a veteran in a white uniform)
- Horizontal Word 1:** WEATHER (Accompanied by a photo of a man placing flowers at a memorial)
- Horizontal Word 2:** MEMORIAL (Accompanied by a photo of a row of military medals)
- Vertical Word 2:** DAPS (Accompanied by a photo of a statue of a soldier)
- Vertical Word 3:** YOUNG (Accompanied by a photo of a child placing a red poppy)