SYMBOLES OF COMMEMORATION CUBE
Educational Activities for Primary Students
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INFORMATION FOR PRIMARY TEACHERS

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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?

REFERENCES:
Australian War Memorial, www.awm.gov.au
Department of Veterans’ Affairs, www.anzacportal.dva.gov.au
**CUBE IMAGES**

These are the fifteen images found on the cube.

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

Department of Defence
20121020adf8144078_456
Photographer: Corporal Christopher Dickson

Men in uniform lay wreaths at a memorial.

Department of Defence
20120425adf201084LJB_275
Photographer: Lauren Black

A slouch hat surrounded by poppy flowers.

Department of Defence
20070409adf8161479_005
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.

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

Department of Defence
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Photographer: Sergeant William Guthrie
An eternal flame lights the dawn service at the State War Memorial, Kings Park, Perth.

Department of Defence
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A soldier plays the Last Post.

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

Department of Veterans’ Affairs
School students place poppies on the Roll of Honour at the Australian War Memorial.

Department of Veterans’ Affairs

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

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

Medals and a sprig of rosemary are symbols of remembrance.

Silence is a mark of respect to those who have died in war service.
**Activity 1:**
**Can You Name All the Symbols of Commemoration?**

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

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<th>Image</th>
<th>Symbol</th>
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<td><img src="image1" alt="Image" /></td>
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<td><img src="image7" alt="Image" /></td>
<td>Red Poppies</td>
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<td><img src="image8" alt="Image" /></td>
<td>Memorial</td>
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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.
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.

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<th>One Minute’s Silence</th>
<th>The Last Post</th>
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| **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 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. |

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<th>Rosemary</th>
<th>Red Poppies</th>
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| **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. | **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. |

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<th>Statues</th>
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| **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. | **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. |

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<th>Slouch Hat</th>
<th>Victoria Cross</th>
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| **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. | **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
ACTIVITY 6: CREATE YOUR OWN CUBE

1. Choose a theme for your cube (e.g. Australian wartime experiences, war and peace, Centenary of Anzac).
2. Choose a series of images (minimum of six). You can also have text over an image or as a separate face of your cube.
3. Create your cube using the template on page 17. You will need a pair of scissors and sticky tape.
4. Explain your theme and selection of images below and share this with your class.
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Symbols of Commemoration Crossword