

# What is Veterans Day?



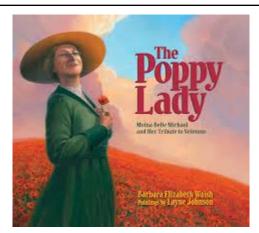
#### **Student Targets:**

I can understand why we have Veterans Day

I can show support for veterans with a poppy

#### Materials/Equipment:

- The Poppy Lady by BarBara Elizabeht Walsh
- A song for Veterans such as "Thank a Vet"
- Red tissue paper
- Circle Template
- Brown pipe cleaners
- Scissors
- Glue
- Black Marker or paint or tissue paper



## **Activity Procedures:**

- 1. Explain to students that Veterans Day or Memorial Day is a way to remember and honor veterans.
  - a. Veterans Day started in 1919 and was originally called Armistice Day. It honors all veterans for their service in the U.S. Armed Forces.
- 2. Read the book The Poppy Lady
- 3. Ask students if they know any veterans.
  - a. Is anyone in their family a veteran?
  - b. Are any friends a veteran or have a veteran in their family?
  - c. Is a neighbor a veteran?
- 4. Teach them a song they can sing to say "thank you"
- 5. Have students make a poppy (here is a link to detailed instructions)
  - a. Cut 3-5 circles from the red tissue paper
    - If you are using black tissue paper cut 3 smaller circles and layer those on top of the red tissue
  - b. Push the pipe cleaner through the center of each circle
  - c. Bend the pipe cleaner and use glue to secure it to the petals
  - d. Crunch the tissue circles around the pipe cleaner

i. If you are using paint or marker color the center of the top petal

### **Debrief Questions:**

- How does the story portray the importance of honoring those who have served in the military?
- What can we learn from Moina's story about the power of individual action and advocacy?
- How does the story connect to Veterans Day?
- What are some things you could do to honor veterans in your community?