

Poppies

In 1914, a war started. It was a huge and terrible war. Millions of people were killed. This war was called 'The Great War.' We now call it 'World War One.'

Most soldiers had to live in trenches. These were deep holes dug in the mud. Trenches were miles and miles long. They were scary and horrible places to live.

RETRIEVAL FOCUS

1. Who wrote 'In Flanders Fields?'
2. What date did The Great War end?
3. Who set up the Poppy Appeal?
4. How many Poppies are now sold every year?

Soldiers lived in the trenches. One soldier called John McCrae wrote a famous poem. The poem was called 'In Flanders Fields'.

John wrote about the flowers that he saw. He saw bright red flowers growing in the fields. These flowers were called Poppies. He thought they were beautiful.

People all over the world liked the poem. They started wearing poppies. The poppies helped them to remember the soldiers.

The war ended on November 11th, 1918. After the war ended, people sold paper poppies.

The Royal British Legion are a group that help soldiers. They set up the Poppy Appeal in 1921. They sold nine million poppies. They did this to make money. The money was for the soldiers who were coming home. The money helped the soldiers.

The next year, more poppies were needed. A poppy factory was set up. It was used to

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make paper poppies. The poppy factory is in England. It is in a place called Ayelsford. There is also a poppy factory in Scotland. It is called the Lady Haig Poppy Factory.

Today, 40 million poppies are sold every year.

Every year, people wear poppies. Poppies help us to remember. They are very important.

VIPERS QUESTIONS

V	What do you think the word great means in 'The Great War.' Does it have other meanings?
V	What is another word for the deep holes in the mud that were dug by soldiers?
V	Name three adjectives that describe the Poppies in the fields?
R	What is the name of the Scottish Poppy Factory?
I	Why do people sell paper poppies? Give two reasons.

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