

## Setting the Scene



Do you wear a poppy in November?

Why do you think we wear a poppy?

Try to find the poem that John McCrae wrote in May 1915 'In Flanders Fields'. He was fighting in the 1914-18 war and had just seen his friend killed. That night he started to write his poem, which begins:

"In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row"

The war was the First World War.  
Sometimes it is called The Great War.

Soldiers wrote home about poppies that flowered across the battlefields. Soon after the war ended, at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918, the poppy was adopted as a symbol of remembrance.

Write a poem about poppies.

You might like to draw a border of poppies around your poem or make some paper ones.

