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Celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Armistice Day with Library Resources

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November 11, 2018 marks the one hundredth anniversary of Armistice Day, which brought the end of World War One. On November 11, 1918, Germany accepted the armistice terms demanded by the Allies, and ordered a stop to the fighting on the Western front, ending what had been, in its time, the bloodiest and most destructive war ever waged (Neiberg, 2018).



Armistice Day is observed around the world: in the United States, Veterans Day, honoring men and women who have served in the armed forces, is celebrated on November 11; in Canada, Australia, and New Zealand, Remembrance Day, also observed on November 11, honors those who have died in war; the United Kingdom observes Remembrance Day on the Sunday closest to November 11 (Uhler, 2018).

Unfortunately, WWI was not the War to End All Wars. Armed conflict has not abated, and it is commonly held that those who do not remember the past are doomed to repeat it. Therefore, in the spirit of world peace, bringing attention to Armistice Day, and perhaps seizing the occasion to open a dialogue about war and peace throughout the ages, seems an apt way to mark this anniversary.

World Book Online, freely available to all Idahoans via lili.org, is one inroad to this topic. Equipped with a user-friendly interface and arresting visuals, and offering encyclopedia content for a wide range of ages and language abilities, World Book is an excellent first step for meeting just about any information need under the sun.

Primary sources on WWI are also available through LiLI in the [Gale Virtual Reference Library](#) in U.S. Imperialism and Progressivism: 1896 to 1920, and more primary sources are available at the Library of Congress website.

As you prepare to bring Armistice Day or other historically significant events to your class, visit World Book Online, and the other free resources listed in Links to More Learning for quality information and plenty of inspiration for lesson plans and activities.

Neiberg, M. S. (2018). World War I. In *World Book Advanced*. Retrieved from <https://www-worldbookonline-com.lili.idm.oclc.org/advanced/article?id=ar610440>

Uhler, S. G. (2018). Veterans Day. In *World Book Advanced*. Retrieved from <https://www-worldbookonline-com.lili.idm.oclc.org/advanced/article?id=ar584340>

LINKS TO MORE LEARNING



Library of Congress

The LOC website is featuring an extensive WWI exhibit with classroom support like a Teachers Guide and a Primary Source Set that will make every teacher's life easier.

<https://loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/primarysourcesets/world-war-i/>

National Museum of American History

Another excellent digital exhibit covering topics from Advertising War to a Children's Gardening campaign called "The Dewdrop Fairies." While there, take a peek at the Ruby Slippers!

<http://americanhistory.si.edu/topics/world-war-i>

Toll the Bell

Join Americans across the nation who will be tolling bells at 11:00am local time in remembrance of those who served. Get details at: <https://www.worldwar1centennial.org/commemorate/event-map-system/bells-of-peace-a-world-war-i>

PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS



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DIGITAL TOOLS



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