

READING AND REMEMBRANCE PROJECT 2006



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Welcome Educators!

Reading and Remembrance 2006: Holocaust and Anti-Racism Education

In 2005 approximately 30,000 students in 110 schools participated in DWAC's project *Reading and Remembrance* by reading, acting, singing or in some way relating their activities to John Macrae's "In Flanders Fields". For 2006, the website has all last year's materials PLUS new materials for the sub-themes of Holocaust and Anti-Racism Education.

Educators may use last year's materials and focus on the meaning of the 'torch' that is to be passed on. This year's anti-racism materials will include familiar things such as the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms and the United Nations Human Rights Code. There will be poems, newspaper articles, songs and other materials ready for teacher use.

The holocaust/genocide parts will feature a broad range of historical materials and references to Armenia, Bosnia, Rwanda, western Sudan as well as to the WWII holocaust. These are the 'cautionary' tales as to what happens when racism takes root.

Although not everyone has to read the same thing this year, the idea is to honour veterans with readings to indicate an understanding that veterans fought for important human values which are part of Canada's heritage as a democratic nation. Just as Remembrance Day assemblies or intercom programs commemorate the sacrifices made by Canada's veterans, there should be a 5 to 15 minute reading for each student on November 10th, preferably at 2:10 p.m., on **The Values Veterans Protected**.

Veterans Affairs Canada, the Royal Canadian Legion and Ontario Power Generation have once again stepped forward to support this project with its valuable focus on children and youth, veterans, reading, education and human rights.

Once you register for 2006, you will go on the Honour Roll, receive a new free poster and other materials from Veterans' Affairs Canada. You may register on line: <http://dwac.ca/database/RemembranceSignUp.html>, info@dwac.ca, by mail at the address below or by phone. We need your address to send you the materials.

Yours truly,

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on behalf of the *Reading and Remembrance 2006* project and its sponsors

N.B. DWAC is a charitable arts organization

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