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Remembrance Day Bonus Assignment

*ELA 506*

**Description:**

This year students have the option of either writing a **poem** or **researched non-fiction first-person narrative**. **Your poem or narrative must reflect upon the sacrifices made by Canadians during the World Wars, other Canadian war efforts or peacekeeping duties**. Both assignments should be **reverentia**l in nature; your purpose is to **honour and commemorate** soldiers and their families.

**If you work is original, shows effort and writer’s craft, you will receive a bonus 5% on your Competency 3 mark for Term 1.**

**DUE DATE: November 5th, 2019 (Witczak and Marks 02) and November 6th (Marks 03)**

**If you choose to write a poem:**

* **15-30 lines** in length
* **Free Verse**
* **Does not need to rhyme** but rhythm should be considered
* Must have **evidence of writer’s craft and poetic devices**
* Must be **accompanied by a 50-word reflection** answering the following question:

*How do the poetic devices used contribute to the meaning of the poem?*

**If you choose to write a non-fiction first-person narrative:**

* May take the form of a **letter, personal reflection or story**
* Must be told from the **point of view of the Forces Member (1st person Point of View) or a family member.**
* Must be **based on fact** **and use a primary source** as inspiration
  + Primary Sources Include: *Diaries, interviews (including recordings or transcripts), letters, raw data, official documents, court records and transcripts, photographs, newspaper articles, speeches*
* Length: **300-500 words**
* Must include **a Works Cited in MLA format** which cites your primary source(s).
* Must **be accompanied by a 50- word reflection** answering the following question:

*How did the experience of using primary sources shape your experience as a writer?*

Finding Primary Resources

The following websites are excellent for locating primary resources related to the Canadian Armed Forces:

<http://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/>

<http://www.thememoryproject.com/>

<http://www.warstory.ca/all-stories.php>

<http://www.cbc.ca/archives/categories/war-conflict/> (Be sure to select CANADIAN content)

<http://www.canadianletters.ca/collectionsMain.php>

<http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/military-heritage/Pages/military-heritage.aspx>