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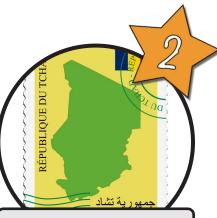
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### REMEMBRANCE DAY

very year on November 11, Canadians pause to remember those who have served and died in wars. This day, known as Remembrance Day, is a time to **reflect** on the sacrifices made by soldiers over the past century.

Remembrance Day began in 1919 as Armistice Day, following the end of World War I. The Armistice, which was the agreement to end the war, was signed at 5:00 in the morning on November 11, 1918. The fighting stopped at 11:00 am that same day.

At first, Armistice Day was **observed** on the second Monday in November. In 1921, the Canadian Parliament decided to hold ceremonies on the Monday of the week in which November 11 fell, combining it with the Thanksgiving holiday. In 1931, the government made an important change. They decided to observe Remembrance

Day on November 11 every year and moved Thanksgiving to a different date. This change helped to **emphasize** the memory of fallen soldiers.

People observe Remembrance Day in different ways. Many Canadians stop what they are doing at 11:00 am for two minutes of silence to think about those who fought and died in wars. People wear poppies as a **symbol** of





remembrance. Ceremonies are held at war memorials, schools, and other public places. The national ceremony takes place at the National War Memorial in Ottawa.

Some important Canadian Remembrance Day traditions include the playing of the



"Last Post" on a **bugle**, the reading of the poem "In Flanders Fields" written by John McCrae, and the laying of wreaths at memorials.

These activities help people remember that freedom comes at a cost. Remembrance Day is an important part of the year for all Canadians, reminding us to honour those who have served our country.



**Reflect:** To think carefully or seriously about something

**Observe:** To do something to mark an occasion

**Emphasize:** To make something stand out or draw attention to it because you think it is important or true

**Symbol:** A design or an object that stands for, suggest, or represents something else

**Bugle:** A musical instrument shaped like a trumpet but without any valves

### REMEMBRANCE DAY QUESTIONS

Ι.	1. Every year on, C	anadians pause to					
	remember those who have served and died in wars.						
2.	. This day, known as Remembrance Day, is a time to do what?						
3.	3. Remembrance Day began in 1919 as following the end of World War I.						
4.	4. What was the Armistice?						
5.	5. The fighting stopped at am on Nove	mber 11, 1918.					
6.	6. In 1931, the government decided to observe Re	emembrance Day on					
	November 11 and more a different date.	oved Thanksgiving to					
7.	7. Many Canadians stop what they are doing at 11 minutes of silence to do what?	.:00 am for two					
8.	8. People wear as a symbol	of remembrance.					

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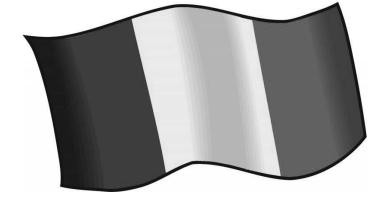
# CHAD

n the middle of Africa is a big country called Chad. It is surrounded by other countries like Libya to the north, Sudan to the east, and Nigeria to the south. Chad doesn't touch any oceans, which makes it a **landlocked** country.

Chad covers an area of about 1 284 000 square kilometres. The land in Chad is different in different parts. The north has a lot of desert, called the Sahara Desert. The middle has dry grasslands where some animals

and plants live. The south has more trees and rivers, making it better for farming. There is a big lake called Lake Chad in the west, which is important for fishing and drinking water.

About 19 million people live in Chad. The capital city is



N'Djamena. People in Chad speak many languages, but French and Arabic are the official ones. There are over 100 languages spoken in total!

Chad used to be part of France, but it became its own country in 1960. In April 2021, Chad chose a new president named Mahamat Idriss Déby Itno after the **former** president, his father, died.

Many people in Chad are farmers who grow crops like **millet** and **sorghum**. Oil is very important for Chad's **economy**. They also mine gold and other minerals like uranium in Chad.

Chad faces some big challenges. Many children can't go to school because there aren't enough schools or teachers. Also, a lot of people from other countries have come to Chad to be safe from wars and problems in their own countries.

The leaders of Chad are trying to make things better for everyone. They want to help more children learn and make the country stronger. It will take time and hard work, but they are working to improve life in Chad for all its people.





Landlocked: Does not have any borders on the sea

Former: Previous or earlier

Millet: Small seeds that can be eaten that come from a grass similar

to wheat

**Sorghum:** Very small grain grown as food in tropical countries

Economy: The system of buying, selling, making things, and

managing money in a place

### CHAD QUESTIONS

1.	Chad doesn't touch any, which makes it a landlocked country.
2.	The north has a lot of desert, called the
3.	There is a big lake called Lake Chad in the west, which is important for what?
4.	What is the capital city?
5.	People in Chad speak many languages, but and are the official ones.
6.	In April 2021, Chad chose a new president named
	after the former president, his father, died.
7.	Many people in Chad are who grow crops like millet and sorghum.
8.	Many children can't go to school because there aren't enough

### ORAL STORYTELLING

ral storytelling is very important for Indigenous communities. It is a special way they share stories and teach important lessons by telling them aloud instead of writing them down. This tradition has been around for thousands of years and is found in **cultures** all over the world.

Indigenous Peoples use **oral** storytelling to remember their history. These stories are passed from older people to younger ones, helping to keep their culture strong.

The stories often have important messages that teach about right and wrong. They show how to be brave or kind. Young people learn how to live a good life by listening to these tales.

Many Indigenous stories talk about nature and teach **respect** for animals, plants, and the land. This helps people understand how to take care of the world around them.

Storytelling is a group activity. Families and friends gather to hear stories, which helps everyone feel close and connected. It is a fun way to spend time together and create special memories.

When stories are told in traditional languages, it helps keep those languages alive. This is very important because some Indigenous languages are in danger of being forgotten.

Elders in the community often tell the stories, sharing their knowledge and experiences. Young





people learn from the wisdom of those who came before them, learning **valuable** lessons about life.

These stories help Indigenous people know who they are. They learn about their **ancestors** and their place in the world, making them feel proud of their culture and identity.

Oral storytelling is like a treasure for Indigenous communities. It helps them remember the past, learn important lessons, and stay connected to each other. By telling stories, they keep their culture strong and pass it on to future **generations**, making sure their traditions will last forever.



**Cultures:** The ideas, customs, traditions, and way of life of different groups of people

**Oral:** Spoken instead of written

**Respect:** A feeling of admiration or high regard for someone or

something

**Valuable:** Very important or useful in some way

**Ancestors:** Members of your family who lived long ago

**Generation:** All the people born around the same time

### ORAL STORYTELLING QUESTIONS

1.	Indigenous Peoples use oral storytelling to remember what?
2.	These stories are passed from older people to ones, helping to keep their culture strong.
3.	The stories often have important messages that teach about what?
4.	Young people learn how to live a by listening to these tales.
5.	Many Indigenous stories talk about nature and teach respect for what?
6.	Storytelling is a activity.
7.	When stories are told in traditional languages, it helps to do what?
8.	Young people learn from the of those who came before them, learning valuable lessons about life.

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# WORD SEARCH

Solve the word search puzzle using the words below. Note that the answers are words that have been used in the articles in this issue.

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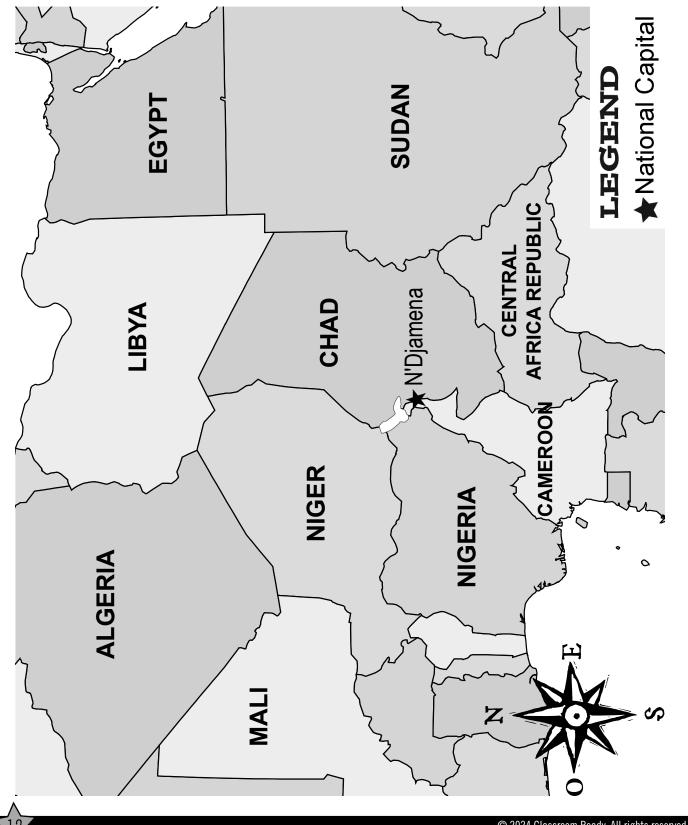


# MAPACTIVITY

1. What is the capital city of Chad?
2. What country borders Chad to the north?
3. What country borders Chad to the east?
4. What countries border Chad to the west?
5. What country borders Chad to the south?
6. What country borders Sudan to the north?
7. What country borders Mali to the north?



### MAP OF CHAD



## IN FLANDERS FIELDS

#### By John McCrae

In Flanders fields the poppies blow Between the crosses, row on row, That mark our place; and in the sky The larks, still bravely singing, fly Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch, be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.



Read through the poem. Highlight or underline any words you don't understand, and then look them up in a dictionary.

What do you think John McCrae is saying in the poem?



# WORD SMART

Each paragraph is based on the corresponding article. Test your students' vocabulary by having them fill in the blanks with the correct word from the word bank below.

1. Ceremonies are held at	memorials, schools, and other
places. The r	national ceremony takes
at the National War Memorial in _	
2.The has a lot of o	desert, called the Sahara Desert. The
middle has grassla	ands where some animals and
live. The sou	ith has more trees and,
making it better for farming.	
3.Storytelling is a group	Families and friends
to hear storie	es, which helps everyone feel
and connect	ted. It is a fun way to spend
together and create special mem	iories

### **Word Bank:**

activity gather place rivers close north plants time dry Ottawa public war



# WRITINGFUN

1. Why do you think it is important to remember	those
people who fought in wars?	



2. Tell c	story	about	your	history	or your	r family's	history
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# ANSWER KEY

### REMEMBRANCE DAY

- 1. Every year on **November 11**, Canadians pause to remember those who have served and died in wars.
- 2. This day, known as Remembrance Day, is a time to do what? **Reflect on the sacrifices made by soldiers over the past century**
- 3. Remembrance Day began in 1919 as **Armistice Day**, following the end of World War I.
- 4. What was the Armistice? The agreement to end the war
- 5. The fighting stopped at **11:00** am on November 11, 1918.
- 6. In 1931, the government decided to observe Remembrance Day on November 11 **every year** and moved Thanksgiving to a different date.
- 7. Many Canadians stop what they are doing at 11:00 am for two minutes of silence to do what? **Think about those who fought and died in wars**
- 8. People wear **poppies** as a symbol of remembrance.

### CHAD

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- 2. The north has a lot of desert, called the **Sahara Desert**.
- 3. There is a big lake called Lake Chad in the west, which is important for what? **Fishing and drinking water**
- 4. What is the capital city? N'Djamena
- 5. People in Chad speak many languages, but **French** and **Arabic** are the official ones.
- 6. In April 2021, Chad chose a new president named **Mahamat Idriss Déby Itno** after the former president, his father, died.
- 7. Many people in Chad are **farmers** who grow crops like millet and sorghum.
- 8. Many children can't go to school because there aren't enough **schools or teachers**.

### ORAL STORYTELLING

- 1. Indigenous Peoples use oral storytelling to remember what? **Their history**
- 2. These stories are passed from older people to **younger** ones, helping to keep their culture strong.



- 3. The stories often have important messages that teach about what? **Right and wrong**
- 4. Young people learn how to live a **good life** by listening to these tales.
- 5. Many Indigenous stories talk about nature and teach respect for what?

  Animals, plants, and the land
- 6. Storytelling is a **group** activity.
- 7. When stories are told in traditional languages, it helps to do what? **Keep those languages alive**
- 8. Young people learn from the **wisdom** of those who came before them, learning valuable lessons about life.

### WORD SEARCH





### MAPACTIVITY

- 1. What is the capital city of Chad? N'Djamena
- 2. What country borders Chad to the north? **Libya**
- 3. What country borders Chad to the east? Sudan
- 4. What countries border Chad to the west? Niger, Nigeria, and Cameroon
- 5. What country borders Chad to the south? Central African Republic
- 6. What country borders Sudan to the north? **Egypt**
- 7. What country borders Mali to the north? Algeria

### WORD SMART

- 1. Ceremonies are held at **war** memorials, schools, and other **public** places. The national ceremony takes **place** at the National War Memorial in **Ottawa**.
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