

Global View - Veteran's Day (C0162)

A: Do you have any plans for Veteran's Day

B: You mean Armistice Day

A: Well, as you know, on November 11th allies signed a peace treaty with the Germans, also known as the Armistice Treaty. This marked the end of WWI and many countries around the world commemorate this date under names such as "day". In Poland it's their independence day! There's a lot going on around the world on this day.

B: Wow, I didn't know! Probably because I flunked history in school.

Key Vocabulary

armistice	<i>common</i>	<i>noun,</i> <i>singular</i>	an agreement to stop a war
treaty	<i>common</i>	<i>noun,</i> <i>singular</i>	agreement
commemorate	<i>principle verb, in-</i> <i>finitive</i>		memorize

flunk

*principle verb,
past simple*

fail in exams

Supplementary Vocabulary

poppy

*common noun,
plural*

a red flower with a black center that grew on the graves of soldiers who died in WWI, worn to commemorate the dead in Commonwealth countries

to pay
your re-
spects

phrase

to show respect to someone you are grateful to

a mo-
ment of
silence

phrase

the time in a Veteran's Day ceremony when everyone is quiet for one minute as they pay their respects

salute

*common noun,
singular*

to pay respect to or to honor by an outward act

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the name of a famous salute, a trumpet solo played at most Remembrance Day ceremonies in Commonwealth countries