



SHRINE OF REMEMBRANCE
MELBOURNE

iRemember Digital Storytelling project texts

Hello teachers. Thanks for booking iRemember at The Channel at Arts Centre Melbourne. Below are the texts we will be using for the digital storytelling component. Before you come, please encourage your students to read through the options, and **in pairs**, choose one they will read on the day. They will need their own copy of their chosen text for the Channel component of the workshop.

We look forward to seeing you at the Shrine of Remembrance at 10am on the day of your booking. If you have any questions, please call Amy Bennett on 9281 8015.

Primary school texts

Option 1 (Letter)

Wilfred Owen – Letter to his mother

Wilfred Owen, 1917.

"I can see no excuse for deceiving you about these last four days. I have suffered seventh hell. – I have not been at the front. – I have been in front of it. – I held an advanced post, that is, a "dug-out" in the middle of No Man's Land. We had a march of three miles over shelled road, then nearly three along a flooded trench. After that we came to where the trenches had been blown flat out and had to go over the top. It was of course dark, too dark, and the ground was not mud, not sloppy mud, but an octopus of sucking clay, three, four, and five feet deep, relieved only by craters full of water . . ."

Option 2 (Poem)

Remembrance Day

Crystal Danielle Matthews, 1995.

Remember all those people who fought for you and me
Remember all those people who set our country free
Remember all those people who died in the wars
Remember all those people who got cuts and sores

We gather here on this day
To thank these people and for them we pray
We wear a poppy that is red
To show we care for those who are dead

They fought all day, They fought all night
They fought till dark, They fought till light
They fought for me, They fought for you
The people died, The war is through

We wish these people didn't die
But now in Flanders' fields they lie

Option 3 (Two odes)

The Spirit of ANZAC

Sir William Deane, Governor-General of Australia on ANZAC Day 1999.

ANZAC is not merely about loss. It is about courage, and endurance, and duty, and love of country, and mateship, and good humour and the survival of a sense of self-worth and decency in the face of dreadful odds.

The Ode

The fourth stanza of the poem For the fallen by Laurence Binyon.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them

Write your own text

As an alternative, you may like to have your students write their own text. Some suggestions for texts are:

- Poems
- Letters back home
- Letters to the soldiers
- A short description of circumstances/a battle/another situation
- A tribute to WW1 soldiers
- A short piece of prose about war in general

Useful resources for this task can be found at:

- <http://anzaccentenary.vic.gov.au/>
- <http://www.shrine.org.au/Home>
- <http://www.shrine.org.au/Education/Resources>

If your students do write their own texts, please print them and bring them with you on the day of your session.



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