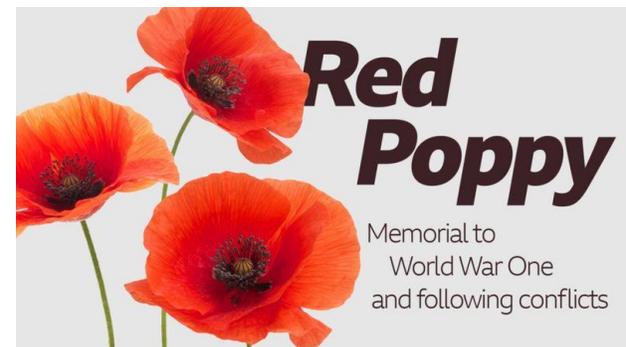


# Poppy Appeal: What do the different coloured poppies mean?

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Many people choose to wear a poppy in November for Remembrance Day to show respect for the people who died fighting in the First World War and the conflicts that followed it.

But there are other coloured poppies too - purple, black and white - that have different meanings.



The red poppy is the most famous symbol used to commemorate those who sacrificed their lives in World War One and conflicts that followed. Wearing a poppy was inspired by the fields of poppies that grew where many of the battles were fought. The red poppy is connected to the Royal British Legion - a charity created by veterans of World War One. They say that the red poppy represents remembrance and hope.

The purple poppy is often worn to remember animals that have been victims of war. Animals like horses, dogs and pigeons were often drafted into the war effort, and those that wear the purple poppy feel their service should be seen as equal to that of human service. In particular, many horses were killed or injured in World War One. Donations to the Purple Poppy Appeal, will go to charities like World Horse Welfare and Blue Cross.

The black poppy has two different meanings attached to it. It is most commonly associated with the commemoration of black, African and Caribbean communities' contribution to the war effort - as servicemen and servicewomen, and as civilians. The campaign organisers say that while they also support the red poppy, they feel that the black poppy highlights this contribution and the place of black, African and Caribbean communities in remembrance.

Some people feel that the red poppy glorifies war and conflict. Instead they might choose to wear a white poppy. The white poppy is handed out by a charity called Peace Pledge Union, which promotes peace. They say that the white poppy commemorates people who died in conflict, but focuses on achieving peace and challenging the way we look at war.



# Vocabulary Check



Find and highlight these words in the text. Use the context of each of these words to decide which is the most appropriate definition and match them.

conflicts

commemorate

veterans

drafted

welfare

civilians

campaign

glorifies

promotes

chosen for military duty

people who are **not** serving in the military or the police

strong disagreements or bad feelings between people

a series of planned actions carried out in order to reach a particular goal

to honour the memory of

to praise or honour/make appear better than actually the case

people who have served in the armed forces during a war

supports/helps move forward

public or private aid to people/animals in need

# Use these to help...

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# Over to you...

Now that you know about the different poppy colours and what they represent, You could create your own remembrance wreath for Remembrance Day.

There are lots of different ways to draw a poppy on the next page to help you.



