

To:_____

From:_____



To:_____

From:_____

Beginning the Letter

- Dear _____,
- My name is _____, and I am a student in Grade _____.
- I am writing to you because I recently learned about your life and service.
- After researching your story, I wanted to share my thoughts with you.
- I feel honoured to learn about your experiences.

What I Learned About You

- I learned that you…
- One thing that stood out to me was…
- I was surprised to discover that…
- Your role during the war was…
- I found it interesting that…
- While learning about your life, I discovered…

Showing Appreciation

- Thank you for serving your country.
- Thank you for your courage and sacrifice.
- I appreciate everything you did for others.
- Because of people like you, we can…
- Your actions made a difference because…
- You showed great strength when…

Sharing Feelings and Connections

- Your story made me feel…
- I was inspired by…
- Reading about your experiences helped me understand…
- What impressed me most was…
- I admire you because…
- Your story taught me that…

Thinking About Challenges

- I learned that you faced challenges such as…
- It must have been difficult to…
- I respect the way you…
- Even when things were hard, you…
- Your perseverance shows that…

Honouring Their Legacy

- I think people should remember you because…
- Future generations can learn from you by…
- Your legacy continues through…
- I will remember your story because…
- Learning about your life helps keep your memory alive.

Ending the Letter

- Thank you for sharing your story through history.
- I am grateful for the chance to learn about you.
- Your service and sacrifice will not be forgotten.
- I will remember what I learned about you.
- Sincerely,
- Respectfully,
- With gratitude,

Reflection Questions (if students get stuck)

- What surprised me most about your life was…
- One question I wish I could ask you is…
- One lesson I learned from you is…
- One way I can honour your memory is…
- Your story matters today because..

Instructions:

1. Have students research an Indigenous Veteran from this webpage:

https://www.veterans.gc.ca/en/remembrance/people-and-stories/indigenous-veterans

or through the dog tag exercise PDF located here:

https://www.veterans.gc.ca/en/remembrance/classroom-materials/lesson-plans/remembrance-dog-tags-fallen-indigenous-service-members

2. Once they have found and learned about an Indigenous Veteran, have them write a letter to the fallen soldier. The sentence stems above can be used as a guide as needed.

3. Print and cut the postcard paper in half (With on poppy and one to/from in each cut). Distribute to students and have them colour the poppy and fill in the to/from.

4. Fold the paper in half to create a card.

5. Have the students write their letters inside the card.