



On November 11, we celebrate Veterans Day. This is our chance to show appreciation for the sacrifices millions of veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces made to protect our country. We have listed a few activities students can do to recognize and learn more about Veterans Day.

1. *Letter to a Veteran* - Veterans appreciate heartfelt letters expressing gratitude for their service. Students can use this [letter writing template](#) or this [printable activity](#). Operation Gratitude also offers [free toolkits](#) to send letters or students may post a message [here](#) that will be printed and sent with a care package.
2. *Read or Listen to a Veteran's story* - High school students can read a few of the short stories from Tim O'Brien's [The Things They Carried](#) or Esther Forbes' [Johnny Tremain](#) and start a discussion. A few books for younger students include [Going Solo](#) by Roald Dahl, [The Little Ships: The Heroic Rescue at Dunkirk in World War II](#) by Louise Borden, [The Wall](#) by Eve Bunting, or [The Poppy Lady](#) by Barbara Walsh. Youtube has some great read-aloud videos for students as well: [America's White Table by Margot Theis Raven](#) or [Veterans: Heroes In Our Neighborhood by Valerie Pfundstein](#). Or invite a Veteran to speak to your class!
3. *Virtual Field Trip* - Take a virtual trip and explore the [Vietnam Veterans Memorial](#), [Washington D.C.](#), or the [Tomb of the Unknown Soldier](#) in the Arlington National Cemetery.
4. *Learn the history of Veterans Day* - A few of our favorite apps have some great Veterans Day activities: [EdPuzzle](#), [Nearpod](#), and [Discovery Ed](#)