

*As we near **Remembrance Day**, I started thinking about sacrifices that our veterans made for us. I also started thinking about how lucky we are to live in a country where **we can truly live in peace**. However, I sometimes wonder if we take our peace for granted. I wonder if **I** take peace for granted. Do I live in a peaceful way or do I allow for peace in my life? Am I making choices which allow others to live peacefully?*

Have you ever wondered if we could have a day of peace around the world?

What would this look like around the world? Could world leaders do it?

Why should we care about peace around the world??

Part 1: Check out the [Peace One Day](http://www.peaceoneday.org) Website (www.peaceoneday.org). Navigate, explore and examine the main message... (NOTE: all the information here is on my blog www.stewiessmartthoughts.blogspot.com)

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?? Summarize the 5W's of Peace One Day...

****Make jot notes, ensuring that you jot note enough details to answer the question accurately. This means if you can jot note more than one point.**

1. Who is the founder?

2. What is it all about?

3. Where will people be expected to carry out the mission?

4. When is the *targeted date* for Peace One Day? When are people expected to aim for peace?

5. Why was it created? (Why will it make a difference?)

6. How will it make a difference in the world if we are all aware of this special day?

Part 2: Watch the video on the home page from Jeremy Gilles, founder of Peace One Day, as he examines the possibility of having peace around the world for one day.

Consider and **reflect** upon the following questions after you watch the video...

1. If given the opportunity, who will you make peace with?

2. What does it mean to make peace in our daily lives?

3. Even if we do not live in a place of violence, why is it important for all of us to strive for peace in our daily lives??

4. How can we show peace at home, in school, on the playground, digitally or on-line??

Extension Activity: Watch the video... "[The Day After Peace](#)"

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7_mT6ce4who

(This website all connects to our current article in Language Arts. Think about the message of the news story, "Kids Encouraged to Build Peace" and how it connects to the Peace One Day Movement.)

Part 3: The assignment ...PLEDGES FOR PEACE PROJECT

As a tribute to making a conscious effort to make peace in our lives, we are going to create "Pledges for Peace" Where you will create a written pledge on how you plan on making an effort to allow for peace in your life and for those around you. Rather than just composing a blog about it, you are going to write your pledge, then **record** your voice using an on-line site called [Vocaroo](http://www.vocaroo.com) (www.vocaroo.com). We will then embed your Pledge for Peace in either a [Wordle](http://www.wordle.net) (www.wordle.net) or an image that reflects your pledge using a site called [Thinglink](http://www.thinglink.com) (www.thinglink.com). Beautiful images for peace can be searched via Flickr.com. You will need to get an account... or just go to www.taggalaxy.com and get images from Flickr that are tagged.

OR... You will record your pledge for peace in the Vocaroo voice recorder , then "share" or link the URL of your vocaroo recording into your Kidblog account (www.kidblog.org/missiontomakeamark) and include a Wordle of your pledge (you will have to type key words from your Pledge for Peace, create a Wordle Word Cloud, then "Snip it" (screen shot) and save it in your pictures. After upload your Wordle Peace Pledge into Kidblog into the same post as your Vocaroo voice recording.

**The above image reflects "poppies" and it's from Tag Galaxy.*

*Please note, you are expected to use these digital tools as part of your learning, particularly Kidblog, as it gives you an opportunity to share with others.

a) Pledge for Peace Assignment... Get started... Read your jot noted responses to the questions above and **brainstorm** ideas to the following questions... What would you say to the world to motivate them to live peacefully? What does it mean to live peacefully? How can we be role-models of peace in our lives? What do you think it means to be a "Peace Ambassador"? (Brainstorm below)

MY BRAINSTORM... NEED IDEAS? SEE THE PHOTO OF OUR CLASS BRAINSTORM

<http://stewiessmartthoughts.blogspot.ca/2013/11/more-brainstorm-for-peace-day>.

[html](#)

b) Start drafting your paragraph response on loose leaf... Just write... Go for 1-3 paragraphs...

c) **Self revise then Peer revise.**

When revising, ask yourself:

1. Did I add enough information?
2. Do I have enough details and explanation??
3. Am I fully explaining my ideas
4. Do I have transitions in my writing?
5. Do I have a powerful beginning and thought provoking closing? Will I grab my audience's attention and get them to listen?
6. Are my words convincing and persuasive?
7. Are my sentences repetitive? Do I mix in a few questions to engage my audience?
8. Are there some famous or not-so-famous quotes in my pledge?