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Teacher Notes and Activities

A Day to Remember

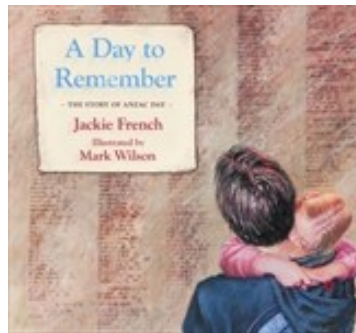
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ANZAC Day is the day when we remember and honour ANZAC traditions, from the first faltering march of wounded veterans in 1916 to the ever-increasing numbers of their descendants who march today.

Containing reference to the many places the ANZACs have fought, and the various ways in which they keep the peace and support the civilians in war-torn parts of the world today, this is a picture book that looks not only at traditions, but also the effects of war.



How in depth you analyze this story will obviously depend on the age of your students. These notes are designed for general discussion and can be adapted as you see fit.

Themes:

- ANZAC Day
- Australia's war involvement

Discussion Points:

Before reading the book you may like to have a general discussion about the following:

- What does ANZAC stand for?
- What is ANZAC day?
- What wars have Australia taken part in?
- Are there any members of your family that have been involved in war? What have they told you about what they did and why they did it?
- What other roles have Australian troops played, other than just combat?
- Have their roles changed over the years?
- Why is it important for young Australians to understand what happened during times of war? What can be learnt from this understanding?

After reading the book:

- How did this book make you feel about war? Do you feel any different about war now than you did previously?
- What is the major thing that you learnt by reading this book?
- How do the illustrations on their own convey a story? Explain.

Activities:

- Choose one of the conflicts outlined in the story. Study more about it. Present your facts to the class in the form of a poster or book.
- Ask someone you know who has been to war or served in the Armed Forces to detail some of their experiences.
- Find out how your town commemorates ANZAC Day. If there is a special service, arrange for your class to attend and see first hand what it is like to experience it.