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Lesson Plan

The War to End All Wars

Lesson Plan for *Veterans Day*

Grade 1

Objective

To help students identify the differences between similar texts about World War I.

Things Needed

- *Veterans Day* book
- Access to the “Veterans Day” web page on the Pop! website:
<http://popbooksonline.com/holidays/veterans-day>

Before the Activity

Read *Veterans Day* out loud to students. Open the “Veterans Day” web page in your internet browser. Pull up the “Learn More” tab.

Activity

Open the book to Chapter 2 (“War Is Over”). Students should use the text and images in this chapter to answer the following questions:

- When did World War I end? (Answer: November 11, 1918)
- What happened when World War I ended? (Answer: The two sides signed an armistice. The troops came home from the war.)
- Why do you think people were happy the war was over? (Answer: Many people had died in the war, but now the fighting was over.)
- What did the first Armistice Day celebrate? (Answer: It celebrated peace. The holiday was also meant to show respect for the veterans of World War I.)



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Then, read the caption on the “Learn More” web page. Ask students the following questions:

- What information did you already know about World War I? (Possible Answers: The war ended on November 11, 1918, when the two sides signed an armistice; many people died in the war; people were happy it was over; the troops came home; etc.)
- What new information did you learn about World War I from this image and caption? (Answer: World War I was known as the War to End All Wars. People celebrated in the streets.)

Evaluation

Could students answer questions about World War I based on the information in the book? Could they identify the similarities and differences between the book and the text online?

Standards

This lesson plan may be used to address the Common Core State Standards’ reading standards for informational texts, grade 1 (RI 1.9).

