

ATN NEWSLETTER

Whose stories are forgotten during this month of remembrance?



WELCOME BACK READERS!

From the desks of the Antiracist Teachers Network:

"Tolerance is respect, acceptance and appreciation of the rich diversity of our world's cultures, our forms of expression and ways of being human." - UNESCO's 1995 Declaration of Principles on Tolerance

This month, our issue aims to explore the significant impact of underrepresented Canadian war veterans. The experiences of Indigenous, Black, Sikh and Asian Canadians who have served in our military are highlighted in this issue.

Additionally, **November 16th is the International Day for Tolerance**, which centres around the respect for international cultural diversity with the recognition of universal human rights and fundamental freedoms across the globe. In connection with the 125th anniversary of the birth of Mohandas Gandhi, UNESCO established a new international award, the UNESCO-Madanjeet Singh Prize for the Promotion of Tolerance and Non-Violence.

The resources in this issue connect with these highlights. We hope that you will find them to be both helpful and enlightening.

DATES OF NOTE FOR NOVEMBER

**All Month - Trans
Awareness Month**

**November 8th -
Indigenous Veteran's Day,
Curpurab & Intersex
Awareness Day**

**November 16th -
International Day of
Tolerance**

**November 20th -
International Children's
Day & Transgender Day of
Remembrance**

**November 25th to
December 10th - 16 Days of
Activism Against Gender
Violence**



OUR MONTHLY BOOK RECCS

From the ATN Resource Bank!

K to 4 - Sidewalk Flowers by Jon Arno Lawson, **Anne Frank: The Girl Heard Around the World** by Linda Elovitz Marshall, **Stealing Home** by J. Torres, **We Remember The Black Battalion** by Serena Virk

5 to 9 - War by José Jorge Letria, **A Day for Rememberin': Inspired by the True Events of the First Memorial Day** by Leah Henderson,

10 to 12 - A Commemorative History of Aboriginal People in the Canadian Military created by P. Whitney Lackenbauer, **Obasan** by Joy Kogawa

For Teachers - Duty, Honour and Izzat - From Golden Fields To Crimson - Punjab's Brothers in Arms in Flanders by Steven Purewal, **The Dragon and the Maple Leaf: Chinese Canadians in World War II** by Marjorie Wong

COOL STUFF!

- **Survey Opportunity!** **Rebecca Foshole-Luke** is looking to engage with community stakeholders regarding Children's Services Interventions. [Provide your ideas and input here!](#)
- The **Kojo Institute** has developed an **entire actionable guide for Reframing Remembrance Day** to have a more equity focused approach with plans for each grade division included.
- The **Canadian Encyclopedia** highlights the contributions and legacy of the [Cree Code Talkers](#), [Black Soldiers](#), and [Sikh Canadian Soldiers](#).
- [Black Canadian Veterans Stories](#) is a grassroots website independently documenting the contributions of **Black Canadians in the Canadian Military**.
- **The Secret Life of Canada** has [a podcast episode](#) and [accompanying article](#) about **Private Buckham Singh** one of the first known Sikh Soldiers to serve in the Canadian Military in World War I and the spark for [Canadian Soldier Sikhs: A Little Story in A Big War](#).
- [Black Liberators WWII](#) highlights the contributions of **Black Canadian and Caribbean Soldiers** who served during **World War 2** and the discrimination they experienced.
- The [Chinese Canadian Military Museum Society \(CCMMS\)](#) has collected and publicly shares the [stories of Chinese Canadian veterans](#).
- **STORYHIVE** released [Force 136: Chinese Canadian Heroes](#) which focuses on the untold story of the 150 Chinese Canadians who were in this unit.
- Explore the realities of Japanese-Canadian Internment during World War II [through this lesson guide from BC Teachers' Federation](#) suitable for K through to 9.
- In honour of **Trans Awareness Month**, **Historica Canada** has released a **Heritage Minute** [discussing the impact and legacy of Jackie Shane](#).

INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR TOLERANCE

INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR TOLERANCE:
[UNESCO.COM](https://www.unesco.org/en/tolerance)

[10 IDEAS TO OBSERVE THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF TOLERANCE](#)



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LEARNING OPPORTUNITY!

The Alberta GSA Conference will be hosting an in-person and virtual conference this year that is open to all students and teachers across Alberta. For more information and how to register check out their instagram [@ab_gsa_conference](#)



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