

# WORLD WAR I

## Activity # 8 “Unknown Soldier”

(Using an online reference source, *Electric Library*)

1. At this computer workstation you will use the online reference service, *Electric Library*, to locate an article related to the First World War. This database contains an enormous amount of information in the form of articles from many periodicals (newspapers, magazines) and reference materials (encyclopedias, special books) as well as transcripts from radio and television broadcasts and pictures.

**Here are the step-by step directions** (just in case you have not already used this online reference service) **you will need in order to search for an article about the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Ottawa, Canada.**

You may also find other articles and some pictures too but for this activity, you will focus on ONE article. (Note: In addition to this online source, you will find some pamphlets at this station.)

( a ) Click on the bar that says, “**Build a Boolean Search.**” Remember, this means you will be able to use more than one search term or word as well as the word “And” (known as a boolean operator). Type in the following search terms and use quotation marks to ensure that the phrase or group of words are kept together in the search. The \* (asteric) is used to search for words with other endings (eg. veteran or veterans)

Now search for: “**World War veteran\***”

AND: “**Unknown Soldier**”

( *Please note!* Do NOT click on the “search” button until you have selected all of the following options ):

- S** Sources available: Select **all the sources** and select **recent** sources;
- S** Type of resources: Select **all sources** and from **any dates** (don’t select specific dates here);
- S** *Stop here!* Don’t choose a specific publication because we want to search more widely for articles about the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Canada;
- S** Now you can click on the button for **SEARCH**.

( b ) What are your search results? How *many* articles/items were found?

We found \_\_\_\_\_ articles.

( c ) What *types* of articles/items were found? Use the icons to determine this.

We found information in the following *types of sources*:

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2. Click on the article from a newspaper with the following title,

**“Soldier ‘Part Of Us Forever’ \ Canadians Watch As Veterans, Politicians Pay Loving Tribute To Our Unknown Hero”**

*Note!* You should read this article in its entirety! Take time to discuss it and to re-read parts (especially the first and last paragraphs) until you feel you fully understand this newspaper story.

( a ) Who is the author of this newspaper article?

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(Name)

( b ) In what Canadian newspaper did this article appear and when was it published?

\_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_

(Newspaper)

(Date)

( c ) In one good paragraph tell what YOU feel are the author’s main purposes in writing this article. Be sure to reflect on the events that are described at the beginning and end of the story as well as the “official occasion.”

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3. Go back to your list of search results by clicking on the “BACK” button in the Netscape menu bar at the top of the page. Scroll down the list until you find the **picture source** with the title,

**“World War One Veteran Stands At Tomb Of Unknown Soldier”**

- ( a ) Click on the title to see the photograph and note the date this photograph was taken:

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(Date)

- ( b ) What do YOU think the Veteran in this photograph is thinking about? Write some of your own thoughts/ideas about this here (*in point form*):

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- ( c ) Now use the notes (you wrote above) in a brief poem. This should be four to eight lines in length and you should write in the first person from the viewpoint of the Veteran. You may use any poetry style for this (e.g. acrostic, cinquain, haiku, free verse)

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4. Now *work as a group* to examine the copies of the pamphlet also located at this station.

**“In the Case of Peace and Freedom: The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier”** documents the “State Funeral” for Canada’s Unknown Soldier. You should take note of the date and compare this date with those you found within the newspaper article and the picture you located earlier while using the *Electric Library* service.

( a ) Write **three good sentences**, providing some of the details you read about in the pamphlet. You should base these on text and illustrations in this publication.

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( b ) Tell, in your own words, **WHY** Canada now has a *Tomb of the Unknown Soldier* and give your opinion as to why this IS or IS NOT a good idea.

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