

Memorial Park 4 Video Answers

Wednesday 25 March

1. The Blessing of Pukeahu National War Memorial Park

Get up early to attend the 4.30am dawn ceremony to bless Pukeahu National War Memorial Park

1. What happened during this ceremony?
 - People were called on to the park where different areas were then blessed, karakia were recited and the Tangata Whenua Gardens were unveiled with the statue revealed. Following this there were speeches.

Next step learning: Why do you think this ceremony takes place so early in the morning?

2. A Message from the Minister

Meet Minister of Arts, Culture and Heritage and Conservation Maggie Barry to find out why a National Memorial Park is important for all New Zealanders.

1. What is the significance of this war memorial?
 - It is the first time that New Zealanders can come together to remember wars in one place
2. Which garden was opened first and why?
 - The Australian Garden because of the Anzac connection
3. Which other countries will have memorials here at Pukeahu National War Memorial Park?
 - France, Germany, England and America

Next step learning: Find out about Anzac Day events in your local area.

3. Tangata Whenua Gardens

Meet Morrie Love to find out about the Tangata Whenua Gardens and their significance.

1. What is the significance of the Tangata Whenua Gardens?
 - They recognise the importance of this place for Māori who have lived in this area for a long time and also the wars that Māori have fought in both New Zealand and overseas.
2. What do the three rocks represent?
 - The mountains of Taranaki, Ruapehu and Tongariro
3. What does the statue of Hinerangi symbolise?
 - The kaikaranga and women left behind in times of war who keep the home fires burning.

Next step learning: Draw or create a model of a statue that could be made to commemorate New Zealanders who have served at war.

4. Students Reflect on the Dawn Blessing

Talk to students from Clifton Terrace Model School and find out about what they think of Pukeahu National War Memorial Park.

1. What did these students enjoy about the dawn ceremony?
 - Being involved, getting to see different parts of the park and realizing that the park is not just to remember the Anzacs.

Next step learning: Discuss with your class how you feel about commemorating war and how you might do this.

5. Artistic Expressions of War

Check out some of the war art work done by students at Wellington College.

1. What has Harry tried to do in the images he has created?
 - Put himself in the images and think about how he would feel in times of war
2. What is the significance of the gas mask in Zac's work?
 - His friend gave him a gas mask and it shows what he had to go through
3. What has Jozef tried to show in his work?
 - How people at the time were persuaded through media to go to war
4. What does Efrain's work focus on?
 - What his family and friends would lose and what he would lose if he went to war

Next step learning: Think about and complete your own art work to commemorate New Zealanders who have served at war.