

## World War I Poetry



More than any other conflict, the World War I inspired writers of all generations and classes, most notably among combatants. The experience of battle, loss of friends, and thoughts of home proved to be a fertile ground for these writers leaving a rich legacy of beautiful verse. These poems are testaments to the strength, courage and resilience of man.

Complete the following activities and explore some of the poems of the Great War...

1. View both of these famous WWI animated poems at the following links:

“In Flanders Field” by John McCrae

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/worldwarone/hq/flanders\\_field.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/worldwarone/hq/flanders_field.shtml)

“Zeppelins” by Nancy Cunard

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/worldwarone/hq/zeppelins.shtml>

Discuss in your group how the visual images help you as a reader to understand the poem.

2. Now read the other WWI poems in the folder. Choose one to help you create and plan your own animated poem. You may need to use a dictionary for unfamiliar words. Some of the poems have British spellings. Use the “Storyboard” sheet to draw your images to correspond with lines from the poem. You will need to write the lines beside each matching picture. Color and decorate your images.

Your Illustration

Lines from Poem