

INTER-ACTIVE STORY

Instructions:

Certain words in the story require the Cubs to perform an action. Ask the Cubs to sit in a circle. Divide them into three groups, assigning each group the action for one word (see below). When "Peacekeeper / Peace" is read, everyone does the action. Read the story, allowing the Cubs time to do the action when they hear their word.

- **Canadian** – Stand up and say "Oh Canada"
- **Soldiers** – Stand up, say "Attention", and salute (Show how to salute)
- **War** – Stand up and say "No more war!"
- **Peacekeeping / Peace** – Everyone stand up, say "Peace" and make the Peace sign

Canada's Role in the Wars – Past and Present

The First World War (1914 – 1918)

Canadian soldiers fought on the battlefields of Europe in trenches filled with water, mud and rats. Soldiers wore masks to protect themselves against a deadly new weapon in the war, poison gas. Canada's greatest victory was the Battle of Vimy Ridge in France. Both French and British troops had already tried and failed to capture this important hill. But, on April 9, 1917, Canadian soldiers swept forward to victory through sleet, wind and snow.

The Second World War (1939 – 1945)

Canadian soldiers saw combat in Europe, Africa and Asia for six long years. In the Battle of the Atlantic they fought German submarines to prevent the sinking of Allied ships. In Italy, and at Dieppe in France, many were wounded, died or taken prisoner. Canadian soldiers were in the front lines at D-Day, the great invasion that helped win the war. They went on to free the Netherlands. At home, Canadian men and women built tanks, ships, planes, guns and ammunition.

The Korean War (1950 – 1953)

Canadian soldiers fought through heavy rain and snow alongside other United Nation forces in the mountains, swamps and rice fields. At Kapyong, Canadian soldiers were surrounded by North Korean troops, but they bravely held on and turned back the enemy. For this, they were awarded a special honour for bravery.

Peacekeeping

After the Korean war, Canadians looked for new ways to prevent conflict. They continued to help build the peacekeeping forces of the United Nations, established in 1945. Since then, Canadian Peacekeepers have worked all over the world. They bring supplies and medical care to those in need, help rebuild war-torn areas, supervise elections and clear away land mines. Most importantly, they help to prevent the outbreak of war, keeping the Peace.