



Difficult Memories

While many soldiers and others who participated in the Second World War have fond memories of the friendships and experiences gained from acting together to defeat a foe, there are, inevitably, a number of stories from the period that speak to the pity of war and the scars left on those who served.

Note: You may want students to use headphones if they are doing these activities independently. Alternatively, simply play the brief clips from war veterans over a pair of speakers or students may read the transcripts.

Activity #1

Learning Outcomes:

1. To appreciate the challenges faced by soldiers during the war and how those memories stay with soldiers for the rest of their lives.

Listen and Learn

Students can listen to the experiences of the following veterans:

[Robert Mons Guy](#)

[Alec MacInnes](#)

[Malcolm Andrade](#)

[Jack Clements](#)

Think. Pair. Share

After students have listened to the stories of the selected veterans, they can pair up to share their reactions to their experiences. Questions that may guide any follow-up discussion may include:

1. Why do you think these stories have stayed with the soldiers so long?
2. What made Alec MacInnes's story particularly poignant?
3. What happened to soldiers who "dropped out," according to Robert Guy? Do you think this was fair?
4. What were living conditions like?
5. Do you think the experiences of soldiers today are similar to those of the veterans of the Second World War?
6. Does listening to these veterans' stories give you more insight into what a soldier must deal with when fighting in a war?