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# Poppies: Lest We Forget

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3. In your own word or words, what does *ancient* mean?

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4. What type of poppy did soldiers in Europe see during WWI?

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5. What does the phrase “lest we forget” mean?

- a.** we should forget it    **b.** poppies are memorable    **c.** it shouldn't be forgotten

6. What do poppies represent? Why do people wear them?

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## ANSWER KEY

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