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Reading and Remembrance 1812-2012: History Matters

Dear Veteran of the War of 1812. As someone who fought for this country in WWII I'd like you to know that I know the sacrifices you made for this country---the family and friends you left behind, the homes that were disrupted by lost ones never to be the same again and the memories of the atrocities you must have carried with you the rest of your life.

Ross Ferguson, Wireless Operator, RCNVR

Although a war from 200 years ago seems ancient history, to the men, women and children it touched, it was life-altering—as are all wars. WWII veteran Ross Ferguson understands the long reach of war's impact. Using the War of 1812 as a starting point and touching upon conflicts and wars from then until the present, Reading and Remembrance 2012 shows young people that Canadian history matters; it shapes identity and character. The materials on First Nations, the power of communication, forts, French and Black-Canadians, to name a few lesson themes, prompt exploration. With lesson titles such as "Women of Courage", "Veterans Speak to the Future" and "War and Medicine" young people are prompted to see the influence of the past in the present. Never before has www.readingandremembrance.ca gone back as far and come forward further. Join the journey!

Be sure to check our website when you are looking for ready-to-teach materials for Remembrance Day, Veterans' Week, Women's History Month, Black History Month, Asian Heritage Month and Character Education

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Ontario Power Generation, the founding and supporting partner for this not-for-profit provincial project received the President's Award from the Ontario Historical Society in 2011. "We are pleased to contribute to enhanced educational opportunities for youth," said Don Terry, Public Affairs Manager for Ontario Power Generation at Pickering Nuclear. "We proud that this program promotes literacy, diversity, and appreciation for Canadian veterans.