BC First Nations Studies 12 Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Assignment: Diary of an Aboriginal Veteran**

**Learning Goal:**

* Describe the experiences of Aboriginal veterans during and after the two World Wars and the Korean war, with reference to their struggle for recognition as Canadian veterans.
* Explain how/why Aboriginal veterans played an active role in organizing for Aboriginal rights

**Your Task:**

*You will write journal/diary entries from the perspective of a Canadian Aboriginal soldier and veteran who fought in WWI, WWII or the Korean War.*

* 1. **Read through some of the sources:**
* *A Commemorative History of Aboriginal People in the Canadian Military* (Chapter Five) <http://www.cmp-cpm.forces.gc.ca/dhh-dhp/pub/boo-bro/abo-aut/doc/abo-aut-eng.pdf>

<http://www.cmp-cpm.forces.gc.ca/dhh-dhp/pub/boo-bro/abo-aut/index-eng.asp>

* *Native Soldiers Foreign Battlefields*

<http://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/those-who-served/aboriginal-veterans/native-soldiers>

<http://www.veterans.gc.ca/public/pages/remembrance/those-who-served/aboriginal-veterans/native-soldiers/natives_e.pdf>

* *Aboriginal Soldiers in the First World War* <http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/aboriginal-heritage/020016-4002-e.html>
* *Native Veterans* <http://www.mta.ca/library/courage/nativeveterans.html>
* 2. **Take notes on graphic organizer** while reading (you choose to focus on WWI, WWII or the Korean War).
* 3. **Write three diary entries** (from the same person) using the information that you have gathered:
* Before going to war
* During war
* After war

*(You can write these entries using a Google doc on the chrome book, or by hand)*

**Criteria:**

* Includes three dated diary entries (about 6 sentences each) from either WWI, WWII or the Korean War
* Discusses life before joining the Canadian military, and reasons for joining
* Describes some experiences during the war
* Describes what it felt like coming home from war, and comments on:
* Status as an Aboriginal veteran (what did that mean?)
* Membership in organizations/activism in fight for Aboriginal rights
* Is historically plausible and is based on real occurrences/people
* Is well-written, contains some feeling/emotion, and is written in the first person

**Diary of an Aboriginal Veteran: Notes**

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| **Before War**  *What was your life like? Where did you live and what rights did you have? Were you discriminated against? What made you decide to enlist in the Canadian army?* |
| **During War**  *What was life like during the war? Did you become close with others (Aboriginal/non-Aboriginal soldiers)? Were you discriminated against?* |
| **After War**  *How were you treated when you arrived home? Did you gain any rights? Did you receive benefits or compensation for being a veteran (compared to non-Aboriginals)?* |