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Canadian National Vimy Memorial

The Canadian National Vimy Memorial is located about 10 km from Arras on Canadian land given to the Canadians after the First World War. It towers up from the ground and rests on a large base. The memorial is divided into two white towers and was design by Walter Seymour Allward. After 11 years of construction the memorial was unveiled in 1936. The names of over 11 000 Canadians who lost their life in France and had no known graves are written on the base of Vimy Memorial. Over 60 000 Canadians died in the First World War. The memorial is a tribute to all Canadians who served in the First World War.



Before visiting this important landmark many of us didn't know that Canada had had such a significant role in the First World War. It was an enlightening as well as an humbling experience, we learnt a lot and at the same time we realised how much we don't know about the important events that has happened before us. One could walk around on the memorials base and view the memorial and it's statues from different angles. From the heightened position of the memorial one had a good view of the surrounding battlefields. When overlooking the battlefields one could see how the war has affected the land. The ground was scattered with shell impacts left by bombs and scarred. It wasn't difficult to imagine how it must have looked during the war with no greens covering the land. On some of the battlefields they had planted a lot of trees, which represented fallen soldiers. This was very impactful to witness

