

## LANCE CORPORAL JOHN SHIWAK



**NAME:** Lance Corporal John Shiwak

**BORN:** January 1, 1889 (Rigolet, Newfoundland and Labrador)

**DECEASED:** November 20, 1917 (Masnières, France)

**EPIC BATTLE:** Battle of Cambrai

**RANK:** Lance Corporal

**HONOURS:** British War Medal and Victory Medal

### LEARNING OUTCOMES:

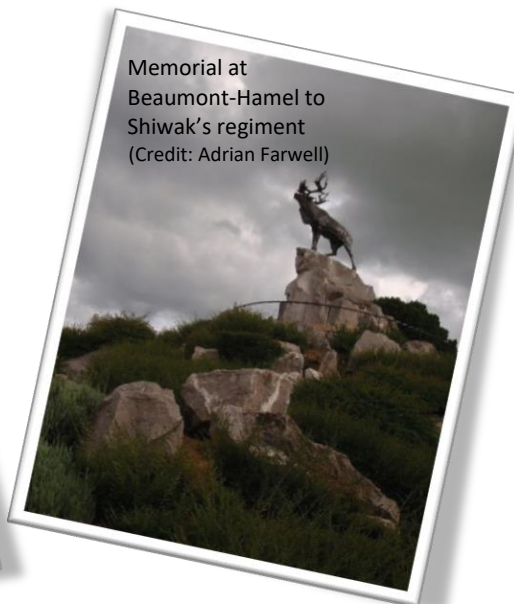
- Perspective taking and creative thinking
- Alternative forms of expression (visual art)

### ACTIVITY:

1. Watch the Monumental Canadians John Shiwak video clip with students. Stop the video as needed to address difficult vocabulary, concepts and answer questions. Consider watching it through uninterrupted afterwards. Discuss who Shiwak was and why he is a monumental Canadian.
2. Ask students to take the role of LCPL John Shiwak, a “natural artist and writer,” during his time in the trenches and create a work of art (sketch, watercolour, etc.) and written account about life in the trenches.
3. Specify the expectations students must meet in terms of style, research and depth of thought. Consider co-creating a rubric.



LCPL Shiwak  
(Credit: Veterans Affairs)



Memorial at  
Beaumont-Hamel to  
Shiwak's regiment  
(Credit: Adrian Farwell)

### Objectives:

*Our Intention is to educate Canadian Citizens so that they:*

- » *Appreciate the role of our military heritage in protecting Canadian interests, values and beliefs.*
- » *Understand the role our military history has had in shaping our country and the world.*
- » *Are inspired to be engaged and well-informed participatory citizens of Canada.*

### Historical Era:

First World War (1914-1918)

### Intended Student Body:

Grade 6 - 12

### RESOURCES REQUIRED:

- Monumental Canadians Forgotten Fallen Video: <http://valourcanada.ca/video-documentaries/lcpl-john-shiwak/> (5 minutes)