Léo Major

Read about Léo Major (https://valourcanada.ca/military-history-library/leo-major-liberates-zwolle/) in Valour Canada’s online military history library and then answer the following questions:

For young learners (Grades 4 to 7)

1. Léo Major was involved in which two major operations in the Second World War?

2. How many young Canadians sacrificed their lives to liberate the Netherlands?

3. Summarize Léo Major’s actions in Zwolle. What characteristics did he exemplify?

4. In your opinion provide two reasons why many Canadians may have not heard about Léo Major.

For advanced learners (Grade 8 and up)

5. What was the Dutch underground? Did other Nazi occupied countries have resistance groups? Create a table that shows these resistance groups, their respective countries, the actions they took to resist, and whether they had any impact on the Nazi occupiers.

6. Read the linked article, Leo Major, the One-Eyed, One-Man Army. Write a one-page biography about Major’s contributions to the Second World War and the Korean War.

7. Research the ways in which the Netherlands (its people and its government) pays respect, honours, and commemorates the sacrifices of Canadian soldiers during the Second World War. Create a PowerPoint or Prezi presentation to share your findings with your class.