

Remembrance Day: A Time to Reflect with Ellie

Learning objective: To understand the historical significance of Remembrance Day and why we use symbols like the poppy to remember those who served in the World Wars.

Ellie the Elephant has been visiting the local memorial to learn about history. She has found five key facts about Remembrance Day, but they have been muddled up! Read the sentences below and decide if they are True or False. If you think a sentence is False, write down the correct fact next to it.

Word bank: Armistice · 11th November · Poppy · Respect · Peace

1. True or False: Remembrance Day is held every year on the 11th of November to mark the end of the First World War. (2 marks)

2. True or False: The poppy was chosen as a symbol of remembrance because it was the only flower that grew in the muddy fields where soldiers fought. (2 marks)

3. True or False: People only wear poppies to celebrate winning a game or a sports match. (2 marks)

4. True or False: A two-minute silence is held at 11:00 am to give people time to show respect and think about the sacrifices made by others. (2 marks)

5. True or False: Remembrance Day is only about soldiers who lived hundreds of years ago, like the Romans. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a respectful scene at a war memorial. Include a wreath of poppies and some fallen leaves to show the season of autumn.



Extension challenge: Imagine you are a reporter interviewing Ellie the Elephant about her visit to the memorial. Write three thoughtful questions you would ask her about why we continue to remember these historical events today.