

Remembrance Day: A Reflective Account

Learning objective: To write a formal and respectful explanation of the significance of Remembrance Day and why we observe the two-minute silence.

Use the scaffold below to help you structure your writing. Think carefully about why we remember the past and how we show our respect to those who served in the armed forces.

Remembrance Day is a special time of year when communities across the country come together to honour the bravery and sacrifice of those who have served in the armed forces.

Word bank: significance · commemorate · sacrifice · nevertheless · consequently · solemnly · gratitude · respectfully · in addition to · symbolise

1. Introduction: What is Remembrance Day and why is it held on the 11th of November? Start with: 'Remembrance Day, which is also known as Armistice Day, marks the moment when...' (2 marks)

2. The Symbolism of the Poppy: Why do we wear poppies? Start with: 'The poppy is a powerful symbol of remembrance because...' (2 marks)

3. The Two-Minute Silence: How should people behave during the silence and what should they be thinking about? Start with: 'At eleven o'clock, we observe a two-minute silence to...' (2 marks)

4. Personal Reflection: Why is it important for our generation to keep these memories alive? Start with: 'It is important for us to remember the past because...' (2 marks)

5. Conclusion: How can we show our gratitude for the peace we have today? Start with: 'In conclusion, we show our ongoing respect by...' (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are interviewing Ellie the elephant about how history helps us learn from the past. Write three thoughtful questions you would ask her about the importance of Remembrance Day.