

Year 4 History Assessment: Remembrance Day

Learning objective: To understand the historical significance of Remembrance Day, the symbolism of the poppy, and why we commemorate those who served in conflicts.

Read each question carefully and write your answers in the spaces provided. Ensure your answers reflect your historical knowledge of the First World War and modern remembrance traditions.

Remembrance Day is held on 11 November each year. It marks the day when the fighting in the First World War came to an end in 1918. At the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, an agreement called an Armistice was signed, stopping the fighting. Today, we wear poppies to remember the brave people who served in the armed forces and gave their lives during wars and conflicts. We observe a two-minute silence to think about those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our peace.

Word bank: Armistice · Commemorate · Poppy · Sacrifice · Silence · Conflict · Trench · Respect

1. On what date does Remembrance Day take place each year and why was this specific date chosen? (2 marks)

2. What does the word 'Armistice' mean in the context of the First World War? (2 marks)

3. Why do people wear a poppy during the month of November? Mention the flower's connection to the First World War battlefields. (3 marks)

4. Ellie the elephant is learning about history. She asks: 'Why do we hold a two-minute silence at 11:00 am?' Explain the importance of this act of remembrance. (3 marks)

5. List two ways that your local community might show respect on Remembrance Sunday. (2 marks)

6. Compare how life might have been different for a soldier in the trenches compared to a child living in Britain during the First World War. Give two examples. (4 marks)

7. Extended Writing Task: Imagine you are a journalist writing for a local newspaper. Write a short report explaining why it is important for our generation to continue remembering the events of the First World War, even though it happened over 100 years ago. (9 marks)

Draw: Draw a commemorative scene featuring a field of poppies. Include a symbol of peace, such as a dove, to show how we reflect on the importance of ending conflict.



Extension challenge: Total: /25