

Remembering the Brave: A Story of Remembrance

Learning objective: To understand the historical significance of Remembrance Day and why we observe a two-minute silence.

Read the text carefully and answer the questions below using full sentences. Think about why we choose to remember.

Every year, on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, many people across the United Kingdom pause for a moment of quiet reflection. This date marks the end of the First World War in 1918, a time when a formal agreement called an Armistice stopped the fighting. Ellie the elephant explains that this day is known as Remembrance Day. It is a time to honor the bravery of those who served in wars and conflicts to protect others. We see many people wearing bright red poppy flowers on their coats. The poppy grew in the churned-up earth of the battlefields, symbolising hope. By donating a few pence, perhaps £1 or £2, people support charities that help veterans who were injured during their service. During the two-minute silence, the world feels very still. It is not just a time to think about the past, but a time to hope for peace in the future. By remembering those who made the ultimate sacrifice, we learn to value the kindness and courage that keep our world safe today.

Word bank: Armistice · Remembrance · Conflict · Observance · Sacrifice · Generosity

1. At what specific time and date does the nation observe the moment of reflection? (2 marks)

2. What do people often donate to charities when they receive their poppy? (1 mark)

3. Why do you think the poppy was chosen as the symbol for Remembrance Day? (2 marks)

4. How does the silence mentioned in the text help people show respect? (2 marks)

5. Why is it important for children today to learn about events that happened over one hundred years ago? Justify your opinion. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a peaceful garden scene featuring a bright red poppy growing in the grass. In the background, draw a silhouette of a dove representing peace.



Extension challenge: Research what other symbols are used to show respect during Remembrance Day and write a short poem about the meaning of peace.