

A Time to Remember

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

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions using full sentences. Think about how the traditions mentioned show respect for the past.

Every year on 11 November, people across the United Kingdom pause to mark Remembrance Day. This date is historically significant because it marks the end of the First World War in 1918. At the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, the fighting stopped. Today, we remember the brave men and women who served in conflicts and gave their lives to protect our freedom. You might see people wearing a bright red poppy, a symbol of hope and peace that grew in the fields where battles once took place. Many schools and town squares hold a two-minute silence. During this time, the world feels very still. It is a moment to stop our busy lives, reflect on the sacrifices made by others, and think about the importance of living in peace. Whether it is by attending a local service or simply observing the silence at home, we show our gratitude. It is a time to honor those who came before us and to promise that we will work towards a kinder, more peaceful future for everyone.

Word bank: Armistice · Remembrance · tribute · conflict · sacrifice · commemorate

1. On what date do we mark Remembrance Day, and why was this date chosen? (2 marks)

2. According to the text, what does the red poppy symbolise? (1 mark)

3. Why do you think the two-minute silence is described as a time when 'the world feels very still'? (2 marks)

4. Explain why people might choose to wear a poppy even if they did not know a soldier personally. (2 marks)

5. Do you believe it is important for young people today to learn about Remembrance Day? Give a reason for your answer. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a peaceful field of poppies under a bright sky and include a small memorial stone or a wreath to show respect.



Extension challenge: Leo the Lion is writing a poem about peace. Write a short four-line poem of your own that focuses on the themes of gratitude and looking towards a hopeful future.