

Remembrance Day: Honouring the Past with Ellie

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

Use these flashcards to test your knowledge about Remembrance Day. Ellie the elephant has gathered these facts to help us remember those who served in the World Wars and other conflicts.

What is the historical significance of the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month?

This was the moment the Armistice was signed in 1918, ending the fighting in the First World War.

Why is the poppy used as the symbol for Remembrance Day?

Because poppies were the first flowers to grow in the churned-up soil of the battlefields in Belgium and France after the fighting stopped.

What does the 'Two-Minute Silence' represent?

It is a period of quiet reflection to show respect and gratitude for the sacrifice of those who died in service to their country.

What is the name of the agreement that ended the First World War?

The Armistice.

Who is the Cenotaph in London dedicated to?

It is the national memorial to the men and women who gave their lives in the two World Wars and later conflicts.

What does the term 'sacrifice' mean in the context of Remembrance?

It refers to people giving up their lives or their personal safety to protect the freedom of others.

Why do we still observe Remembrance Day today, many years after the World Wars?

To ensure we do not forget the cost of war and to promote the importance of peace for future generations.

What is a 'War Memorial' and where might you find one in your local community?

A monument built to commemorate people who died in a war; they are often found in town squares, parks, or village centres.

Who are we remembering on Remembrance Day?

Members of the armed forces who have died in the line of duty, and civilians affected by conflict.

What is the difference between a commemoration and a celebration?

A commemoration is a solemn act of remembering a significant event or person, whereas a celebration is an act of rejoicing.