

Remembrance Day: A Time to Remember

Learning objective: To understand the significance of Remembrance Day and the symbolism behind the traditions observed on 11th November.

Ellie the elephant has been researching the history of Remembrance Day. She has created a 'True or False' challenge to help you test your knowledge. For each statement below, decide if it is True or False. If you choose False, you must use your own words to explain the correct historical fact.

Word bank: Armistice · Poppy · 11th November · Silence · Peace · Remembrance

1. 1. The Armistice, which ended the fighting in the First World War, was signed on the 11th of November 1918. (2 marks)

2. 2. People wear poppies because they were the only flowers that grew in the gardens of Buckingham Palace during the war. (2 marks)

3. 3. The two-minute silence is held at 11:00 am to mark the time the fighting officially stopped. (2 marks)

4. 4. Remembrance Day is only used to remember soldiers who fought in the First World War, and no other conflicts. (2 marks)

5. 5. The Cenotaph in London is a famous war memorial where the national service of remembrance takes place. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a commemorative scene featuring a field of poppies. Include a small, respectful detail in your drawing, such as a wreath or a memorial stone, to show how we honour those who served.



Extension challenge: Imagine you are a reporter in 1918. Write a short, thoughtful poem or a three-sentence diary entry about the relief people felt when the 'Armistice' was finally announced.