

Remembrance Day: A History Quiz with Ellie the Elephant

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

Read the information passage carefully, then answer the ten questions below to test your historical knowledge. Remember, Ellie the Elephant says that remembering history helps us build a kinder future!

Remembrance Day is held on 11th November each year. It marks the day the First World War ended in 1918. At the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, the fighting stopped as the Armistice was signed. Today, we wear red poppies to remember those who gave their lives in all conflicts. At 11:00 am, many people across the UK stand in silence for two minutes to show respect and think about the importance of peace. Many towns have a war memorial where people gather to lay wreaths and pay their respects to those who served their country.

Word bank: Armistice · Poppy · Conflict · Silence · Memorial · Veteran · Respect · Peace

1. 1. On which date is Remembrance Day held each year? A) 11th October B) 11th November* C) 5th November D) 1st November (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: The First World War ended in 1920. (1 mark)

3. 3. What was the name of the agreement signed to end the fighting? (1 word) (1 mark)

4. 4. Why is the red poppy used as a symbol of remembrance? A) Because it is the Queen's favourite flower B) Because it grew in the fields where soldiers fought* C) Because it is the brightest flower in the garden D) Because it is easy to grow (1 mark)

5. 5. How long do people stand in silence at 11:00 am? (1 word) (1 mark)

6. 6. True or False: We remember only people who lived in London. (1 mark)

7. 7. Where do people often gather to lay wreaths? A) At a local park B) At a war memorial* C) At a library D) At a supermarket (1 mark)

8. 8. What is the specific time that the silence begins? (1 word) (1 mark)

9. 9. True or False: Remembrance Day is a time to think about the importance of peace. (1 mark)

10. 10. Which war does Remembrance Day originally mark the end of? A) The Second World War B) The First World War* C) The Napoleonic Wars D) The Cold War (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a peaceful scene featuring a bright red poppy growing in a garden, with a clear blue sky above, to represent the hope for peace that Ellie the Elephant talks about.



Extension challenge: Research a war memorial in your local town or city. Find out when it was built and write a short paragraph about why it is important for your community to have a place to remember.