

Remembrance Day: Honouring the Past with Ellie

Learning objective: To understand the historical significance of Remembrance Day, the importance of the poppy, and why we mark the 11th of November.

Read each question carefully. Use your historical knowledge about the First World War and the traditions of Remembrance Day to provide detailed answers. Ellie the Elephant is here to help you remember the important facts!

Ellie the Elephant is the keeper of stories. She remembers that the First World War officially ended on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918. This day became known as Armistice Day. Today, we use this time to reflect on the bravery of those who served in conflicts and to hope for a peaceful future. We wear red poppies, which grew in the churned-up earth of the battlefields, as a symbol of remembrance.

Word bank: Armistice · Remembrance · Poppy · Conflict · Sacrifice · Respect · 11th November · Silence

1. Why is the date 11th November significant in British history? Explain what happened at this time in 1918. (2 marks)

2. Ellie explains that the poppy is a symbol of remembrance. Why were poppies chosen specifically to represent this day? (2 marks)

3. What is the purpose of the two-minute silence held at 11:00 am on Remembrance Day? (2 marks)

4. History helps us learn from the past. How does observing Remembrance Day help us think about the importance of peace in the world today? (3 marks)

5. If you were designing a memorial for your local community to honour those who served, what symbols would you include and why? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a respectful scene for a Remembrance memorial. Include a field of poppies and a clear blue sky to represent the hope for peace.



Extension challenge: Research the 'Unknown Warrior' buried in Westminster Abbey. Write a short paragraph explaining why this person represents all those who were lost in the conflict.