

Remembrance Day: Honouring History with Ellie

Learning objective: To understand the significance of Remembrance Day, the symbolism of the poppy, and the importance of reflecting on the sacrifices made for peace.

Read the key terms and historical concepts below to test your knowledge of Remembrance Day. Use these flashcards to revise the significance of the 11th of November.

What is Remembrance Day?

A day of commemoration held on the 11th of November to honour the members of the armed forces who have died in the line of duty.

What does the poppy symbolise?

The poppy is a symbol of remembrance and hope, inspired by the wildflowers that grew on the battlefields of the First World War.

What happened at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918?

The Armistice was signed, marking the end of the fighting in the First World War.

Why do we observe a two-minute silence?

It is a period of quiet reflection to show respect and gratitude for those who sacrificed their lives for peace.

Who is a veteran?

A person who has served in the armed forces and has since retired from military duty.

What does 'Lest we forget' mean?

A phrase used as a plea not to let the memories of those who died in wars fade away or be lost to time.

Explain why the colour red was chosen for the Remembrance poppy.

Red is the natural colour of the Flanders poppy; it is also often associated with the sacrifice and courage of soldiers.

Compare and contrast: How is Remembrance Day observed differently by individuals compared to a formal public ceremony?

Individuals might reflect privately or wear a poppy, while public ceremonies involve wreaths, parades, and communal silence.

Justify your answer: Why is it important to teach younger generations about historical conflicts?

It helps us appreciate the value of peace and ensures the lessons of history are remembered to prevent future harm.

What might happen if we stopped observing Remembrance Day?

The stories of those who served might be forgotten, and society might lose a vital opportunity to reflect on the cost and importance of peace.

Ellie the elephant is learning about history. How does remembering the past help us build a better future?

By understanding the mistakes and sacrifices of the past, we can learn to resolve disagreements through communication and empathy.

Define the term 'Armistice'.

An agreement made by opposing sides in a war to stop fighting for a certain time; a truce.