

Remembrance Day: A Time for Reflection

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

Leo the Lion is helping our school prepare for our Remembrance assembly. Read the statements below about Remembrance Day and decide whether they are 'True' or 'False'. For every statement you mark as 'False', write one sentence explaining the correct fact.

Word bank: Armistice · Poppy · Remembrance · Silence · Peace · Conflict · Sacrifice

1. 1. Remembrance Day is observed every year on the 11th of November because that is when the First World War ended in 1918. (2 marks)

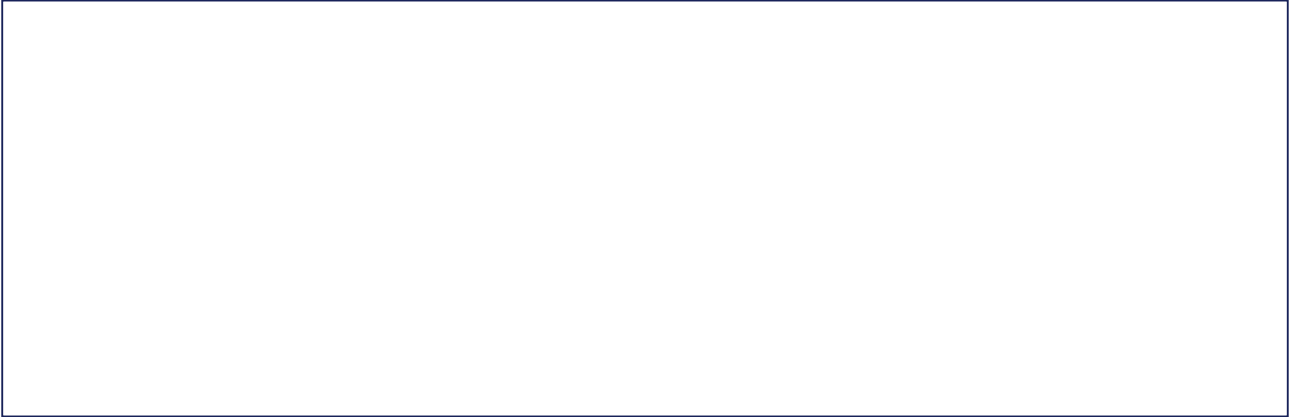
2. 2. The red poppy is a symbol of celebration and is worn to show we are happy that war happened. (2 marks)

3. 3. A two-minute silence is held at 11:00 am to give people time to think about those who have suffered during times of conflict. (2 marks)

4. 4. Remembrance Day only remembers soldiers who served in the First World War, not anyone else. (2 marks)

5. 5. The Cenotaph in London is a famous war memorial where the monarch and other leaders gather to lay wreaths. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a field of red poppies. In the centre, draw a small, peaceful memorial plaque or a cross with a message of hope or gratitude written on it.



Extension challenge: Leo the Lion has been writing poetry about peace. Write your own short poem (4–8 lines) about the importance of being kind and living in harmony with others.