

Remembrance Day: A Reflective Account

Learning objective: To write a formal and respectful reflection on the significance of Remembrance Day, using emotive language and historical understanding.

Use this scaffold to structure your writing. Think about why we wear poppies and what it means to show respect for those who served in the armed forces. Ensure your tone is thoughtful and serious.

As the clock struck eleven on the eleventh of November, a respectful silence fell over the town, marking a moment of shared reflection.

Word bank: courageously · sacrifice · commemoration · gratitude · solemnly · nevertheless · in addition to · consequently · a symbol of · reflection

1. Introduction: Describe the atmosphere of Remembrance Day and why the date is significant. Start by saying: 'Remembrance Day is a time when our nation pauses to...' (2 marks)

2. The Symbolism of the Poppy: Explain why the poppy is used as a symbol. Start by saying: 'The bright red poppy represents...' (2 marks)

3. Human Stories: Reflect on the bravery of individuals who served. Start by saying: 'Many people showed immense courage by...' (2 marks)

4. The Importance of Peace: Why is it important that we remember today? Start by saying: 'It is vital that we continue to remember because...' (2 marks)

5. Conclusion: Summarise your thoughts on how we can show respect in our daily lives. Start by saying: 'In conclusion, showing respect means...' (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Write a short, original poem in the style of Leo the lion to honour those who served, focusing on themes of peace and hope.