

Remembrance Day: A Social Studies / History Assessment

Learning objective: To demonstrate an understanding of the significance of Remembrance Day, the history of the First World War, and the symbols associated with commemoration.

Read each question carefully before writing your answer. Ensure you use full sentences for longer responses. You have 45 minutes to complete this paper.

Remembrance Day is held on 11 November each year. It marks the day the First World War ended in 1918. At the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, a two-minute silence is held to remember those who gave their lives in service to their country. The red poppy, which grew in the churned-up soil of the battlefields in Flanders, has become a symbol of both loss and hope.

Word bank: Armistice · Commemoration · Poppy · Conflict · Sacrifice · Treaty · Silence · Veteran

1. Identify the date and time that the First World War armistice was signed. (2 marks)

2. Explain why the poppy is used as a symbol for Remembrance Day. (3 marks)

3. What is the purpose of the two-minute silence held on 11 November? (3 marks)

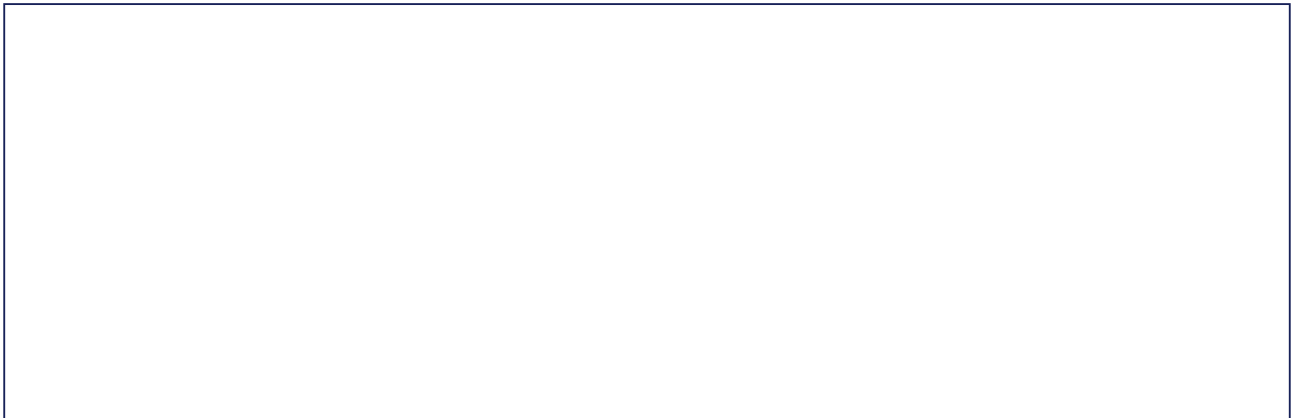
4. Describe one way in which people in your local community might mark Remembrance Day. (3 marks)

5. Look at the following scenario: A local shop sells poppy pins for £2.00 each. If a school buys 50 pins for the children to wear, how much money is raised for the charity? Show your working out. (4 marks)

6. Ellie the elephant is learning about history. She says, 'Remembrance Day is not just about the past; it is about learning how to live in peace today.' Write a short paragraph explaining why you agree or disagree with this statement. Use evidence from your learning. (5 marks)

7. List two reasons why it is important for future generations to learn about the history of the World Wars. (5 marks)

Draw: Draw a commemorative scene featuring a poppy field or a memorial statue. Include a caption explaining what your drawing represents.



Extension challenge: Total: /25. Research a local war memorial in your town or city. Write a short report (100 words) on who it commemorates and what features it has.