

Remembrance Day: A Reflective Account

Learning objective: To write a thoughtful reflection on the significance of Remembrance Day using historical context and empathetic language.

Use this scaffold to structure your report. Think about why we wear poppies and what it means to remember those who served in the World Wars. Use your best historical vocabulary and ensure your tone is respectful.

On the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, the country falls silent to remember the brave individuals who served in the World Wars and other conflicts.

Word bank: courageous · sacrifice · commemoration · nevertheless · furthermore · consequently · in addition · honour · legacy · gratitude

1. Introduction: Why do we commemorate Remembrance Day? Start by explaining that it marks the end of the First World War... (2 marks)

2. The Symbolism of the Poppy: Why is the poppy used as a symbol? Describe its connection to the battlefields of Flanders... (2 marks)

3. The Two-Minute Silence: What happens during the silence? Explain why this period of reflection is important for our community... (2 marks)

4. Personal Reflection: How can we show respect today? Mention local memorials or the importance of peace in our modern world... (2 marks)

5. Conclusion: Summarise the legacy of those who served. Use a concluding sentence that highlights the importance of learning from history... (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Research a local war memorial in your town or village. Write a short paragraph explaining what the inscription on the memorial says and who it is dedicated to.