

Remembrance Day: A Time for Reflection

Learning objective: To demonstrate an understanding of the significance of Remembrance Day, the symbolism of the poppy, and the importance of peace and commemoration within the UK.

Read each question carefully. Use your knowledge of history and values to provide thoughtful, respectful answers. Ensure your writing is clear and uses appropriate terminology.

Remembrance Day is held on 11 November each year. It marks the day in 1918 when the fighting in the First World War ended. At the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, a two-minute silence is observed across the country. People wear red poppies to honour those who have served in the armed forces. It is a time to remember the bravery of those who gave their lives and to think about the importance of working together for peace in the future.

Word bank: Armistice · Commemoration · Sacrifice · Reflection · Symbolism · Peace · Veterans · Gratitude

1. Identify the significance of the date 11 November. Why is this specific date chosen for Remembrance Day? (2 marks)

2. Explain why the two-minute silence is an important part of the remembrance ceremony. (2 marks)

3. The red poppy is a powerful symbol. Describe what the poppy represents and why it was chosen as a symbol for this occasion. (3 marks)

4. Compare and contrast how individuals might show their respect on Remembrance Day compared to how a community or school might show respect as a group. (4 marks)

5. Justify why it is important for younger generations to learn about the history of conflicts, even when those events happened a long time ago. (4 marks)

6. Write a reflection (approx. 80-100 words) on the theme of 'Peace'. In your writing, explain what peace means to you, why it is valuable to society, and how we can act in a peaceful way in our daily lives at school. (5 marks)

7. What might happen to the tradition of Remembrance Day if we stopped teaching the history behind it? Explain your reasoning. (5 marks)

Draw: Draw a commemorative scene that represents peace. Include a symbol of remembrance and something that represents a hopeful future.



Extension challenge: Total: /25. Challenge: Research the 'Unknown Warrior' interred at Westminster Abbey. Write a short paragraph explaining why this person represents all those who were lost in conflict, and why the site of their grave is a place of such profound national reflection.