

Remembrance Day: Honouring the Past with Leo the Lion

Learning objective: To understand the historical significance of Remembrance Day, the symbolism of the poppy, and the importance of reflection in promoting peace.

Read each question carefully and use your knowledge of history and reflection to provide thoughtful, detailed answers.

Leo the Lion is writing a poem to mark the 11th of November. He wants to ensure that the children in his pride understand why we observe two minutes of silence and why the red poppy has become a universal symbol of hope and remembrance for those who served in conflicts.

Word bank: Armistice · Remembrance · Poppy · Conflict · Sacrifice · Peace · Reflection · Gratitude · Tribute

1. Leo explains that the two-minute silence is a time for reflection. Explain why silence is a more powerful way to show respect than speaking aloud during a memorial service. (2 marks)

2. The red poppy grows in fields where there was once great destruction. Why do you think this specific flower was chosen as a symbol of remembrance? Compare this to other symbols of peace. (3 marks)

3. Justify why it is important for Class 4 pupils today to learn about events that happened over 100 years ago. (2 marks)

4. What might happen to our community if we stopped observing Remembrance Day? Explain the consequences for our collective memory. (2 marks)

5. Compare and contrast the ways different people might choose to show their gratitude on Remembrance Day. Mention at least two different actions. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a peaceful scene that incorporates a field of poppies. Include a symbol of peace that you think represents the hope for a future without conflict.



Extension challenge: Compose a short, four-line poem in the style of Leo the Lion that conveys a message of hope for the future. Then, write a paragraph explaining the specific word choices you made to evoke a sense of solemnity and peace.