

Remembrance Day: A Reflection on Peace

Learning objective: To compose a thoughtful piece of writing that explains the significance of Remembrance Day and why we choose to honour those who served their country.

Use this writing frame to help you structure your reflections. Think carefully about the symbolism of the poppy and the importance of remembering history. Focus on using ambitious vocabulary and emotive language to convey your message.

As the final note of the bugle fades into the crisp November air, a profound silence settles over the crowd, marking a moment of collective reflection.

Word bank: solemnly · gratitude · commemoration · symbolise · sacrifice · courageous · nevertheless · furthermore · consequently · tranquillity · honour · reflect

1. Introduction: Describe the atmosphere during a Remembrance service. What can you see, hear, or feel? Begin with: 'The atmosphere becomes incredibly still as the community gathers to...' (2 marks)

2. The Symbolism: Explain why the poppy is used as a symbol of remembrance. Begin with: 'The vibrant red poppy serves as a poignant reminder because...' (3 marks)

3. The Importance of History: Why is it vital for our generation to remember the sacrifices made by others? Begin with: 'It is essential that we learn about the past to ensure that...' (3 marks)

4. Personal Reflection: What does peace mean to you personally? Begin with: 'In my own life, I believe peace is important because...' (2 marks)

5. Justification: Why might some people argue that Remembrance Day is just as relevant today as it was in the past? Justify your answer using evidence or logical reasoning. (4 marks)

6. Comparison: Compare and contrast how we might honour someone today compared to the ways people showed respect one hundred years ago. What has changed, and what has remained the same? (4 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are interviewing Ellie the Elephant, who has a perfect memory of history. Write three insightful questions you would ask her about the importance of 'never forgetting'. Then, write a short, original poem about a field of poppies swaying in the wind, focusing on the theme of hope for the future.