

Remembrance Day: A Time for Reflection

Learning objective: To understand the significance of Remembrance Day, the symbolism of the poppy, and why we reflect on the sacrifices made by others.

Read each question carefully. Use your knowledge of history and reflection to answer in full sentences where required. Ensure your answers are thoughtful and respectful.

Remembrance Day is observed on the 11th of November each year. It marks the end of the First World War, which officially concluded at 11:00 am on the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918. Across the United Kingdom, people pause for a two-minute silence to pay their respects to those who served and died in conflicts. The red poppy is the chosen symbol of remembrance, inspired by the wild poppies that grew on the battlefields of Flanders during the war.

Word bank: Armistice · Sacrifice · Poppy · Reflection · Gratitude · Peace · Conflict · Memorial

1. Identify the exact date and time that the First World War ended. Why is this significant to the timing of the two-minute silence? (2 marks)

2. Leo the Lion suggests that the poppy is a symbol of hope. Explain why the poppy was chosen as the symbol for Remembrance Day based on the history of the First World War. (3 marks)

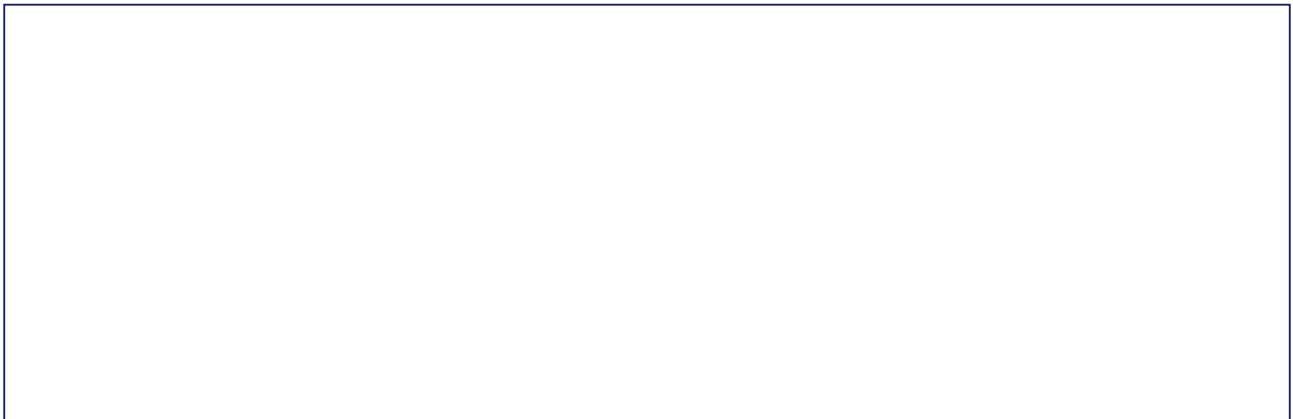
3. What does the 'two-minute silence' represent, and why is it important for people to stop their daily activities to participate in it? (3 marks)

4. Nova the Owl asks: 'How can we show our gratitude for peace in our own lives today?' Provide two specific examples. (4 marks)

5. Max the Monkey is looking at a war memorial in his village. Describe two features you might see on a local war memorial and explain why towns and villages choose to build them. (4 marks)

6. Extended Writing Task: Write a reflection of 100–150 words. Imagine you are writing a letter to a soldier from the past. Thank them for their courage and explain why it is important for children today to learn about the lessons of the past to ensure a peaceful future. (9 marks)

Draw: Draw a peaceful scene that represents Remembrance. You may include a poppy, a sunrise, or a quiet park bench, and label the elements that signify peace to you.



Extension challenge: Total: /25. Research a local memorial in your area. Find out one name listed on it and write a short poem or a respectful paragraph about the importance of remembering those who helped build the world we live in today.