

Remembrance Day: A Reflection with Ellie the Elephant

Learning objective: To understand the historical significance of Remembrance Day and express the importance of commemorating those who served in conflicts.

Use this scaffold to construct a reflective piece about why we mark 11th November. Ellie the Elephant, who remembers history so well, encourages you to think about the sacrifices made for peace.

On the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, the world pauses to remember the brave individuals who served in wars to protect our future.

Word bank: solemnly · commemoration · sacrifice · peace · courage · nevertheless · furthermore · consequently · honour · gratitude · reflection

1. Introduction: Why is it important to mark Remembrance Day? Start by explaining... (2 marks)

2. Historical Context: What happened in 1918 that led to this tradition? Explain why... (3 marks)

3. Symbols of Remembrance: Compare and contrast the poppy with other symbols of peace. Why do you think the poppy became the chosen emblem? (3 marks)

4. Personal Reflection: Justify why we should continue to hold two minutes of silence today, over one hundred years later. (3 marks)

5. The Human Cost: What might happen if we stopped teaching future generations about the sacrifices made by soldiers? (4 marks)

6. Conclusion: Summarise your thoughts on how we can promote peace in our own community today. Start with... (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are a historian interviewing someone from the past. Write three insightful questions you would ask them to better understand life during a time of conflict, and justify why these specific questions are important for our historical records.