

Remembrance Day: Honouring the Past

Learning objective: To understand the historical significance of Remembrance Day and why we observe the two-minute silence.

Read the passage carefully, then answer the questions below. Use your best handwriting and full sentences.

Each year on the 11th of November, Ellie the elephant joins people across the United Kingdom to observe Remembrance Day. This date marks the anniversary of the Armistice, which ended the fighting of the First World War in 1918. At the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, the guns finally fell silent. Today, we wear bright red poppies to remember those who lost their lives in wars and conflicts. The poppy became a symbol of hope because it was one of the first flowers to grow in the churned-up earth of the battlefields. During the ceremony, a two-minute silence is held. This allows everyone a quiet moment to reflect, show respect, and think about the peace we enjoy today. Ellie often visits local memorials, which are special monuments built to honor the bravery of soldiers. By learning about these events, we ensure that the lessons of history are never forgotten. It is a time for reflection, gratitude, and a shared hope for a peaceful future where everyone can live in harmony.

Word bank: Armistice · Remembrance · Conflict · Sacrifice · Commemorate · Poppy

1. On which date is Remembrance Day observed each year, and what historical event does it mark? (2 marks)

2. Why was the red poppy chosen as the official symbol for Remembrance? (2 marks)

3. Why do you think the two-minute silence is held at exactly the eleventh hour? (2 marks)

4. Based on the text, what might someone be thinking about during the two-minute silence? (2 marks)

5. Why is it important for children today to learn about historical events like the First World War? Explain your reasoning. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a peaceful scene featuring a field of red poppies growing near a stone memorial, capturing a respectful and quiet atmosphere.



Extension challenge: Research why other colors of poppies, such as white or purple, are sometimes worn. Write a short paragraph explaining the difference.