

Remembrance Day: A Time to Reflect with Ellie

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

Read the facts below carefully, then answer the 10 questions to test your knowledge. Ellie the elephant has helped gather these important points!

Remembrance Day is held on 11th November each year. It marks the moment the fighting stopped in the First World War in 1918. At 11:00 am, a two-minute silence is held to show respect for those who lost their lives in wars. The red poppy is the symbol of remembrance because these flowers grew in the fields of Flanders after the battles ended. Today, we wear poppies to show we remember the sacrifices made for our freedom and to hope for a world of peace.

Word bank: Armistice · Remembrance · Poppy · Peace · Silence · Soldiers · Conflict · Commemoration · Respect · Gratitude

1. 1. On which date is Remembrance Day held every year? A) 5th November B) 11th November* C) 25th December D) 1st January (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: The two-minute silence begins at 12:00 pm. (1 mark)

3. 3. Which flower is used as a symbol of remembrance? (1 word) (1 mark)

4. 4. The fighting in the First World War officially stopped in which year? A) 1914 B) 1939 C) 1918* D) 1945 (1 mark)

5. 5. Where did the poppies grow after the battles ended? (1 mark)

6. 6. True or False: We observe a silence to show respect for those who lost their lives. (1 mark)

7. 7. What are we hoping for when we remember the sacrifices of the past? A) More battles B) A world of peace* C) Faster travel D) More gold (1 mark)

8. 8. What is the name for the agreement to stop fighting? (Hint: Starts with A) (1 mark)

9. 9. True or False: Remembrance Day is only about soldiers from one specific country. (1 mark)

10. 10. Why do people wear a poppy today? (1 word: Gratitude, Money, Fashion, or Hunger) (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a peaceful scene featuring a field of red poppies under a bright, clear sky to show your respect and remembrance.



Extension challenge: Ellie the elephant wants to know: If you were designing a memorial for your local community, what symbols or words would you include to represent peace and why?