

Remembrance Day: A Reflection with Leo the Lion

Learning objective: To understand the significance of Remembrance Day and why we observe a two-minute silence to show respect for those who served in the armed forces.

Leo the Lion believes that reflecting on history helps us appreciate the peace we enjoy today. Use this fact-file template to record what you have learned about Remembrance Day. Research the history of the poppy and the importance of the 11th of November to fill in the sections below.

Word bank: Armistice · Remembrance · Conflict · Tribute · Service · Sacrifice · Poppy · Gratitude · Reflection · Peace

1. The History of the Date: Why is the 11th of November chosen as the day for Remembrance? Explain the significance of the 11th hour. (2 marks)

2. The Symbol of the Poppy: Why do people wear red poppies? Describe what the poppy represents in the context of history. (2 marks)

3. Acts of Remembrance: List two ways that people across the United Kingdom show their respect during Remembrance services. (2 marks)

4. Personal Reflection: Why is it important for us, as members of a community, to remember the sacrifices made by others? (3 marks)

5. Looking Forward: If you were writing a poem like Leo the Lion about peace, what message would you want to share with the world? (3 marks)

Extension challenge: Write a short, heartfelt poem or a letter of gratitude addressed to those who have served in the armed forces, focusing on the theme of peace.