

Remembrance Day: A Historical Reflection

Learning objective: To analyse the significance of Remembrance Day and evaluate how we commemorate historical sacrifices.

Use this template to research and document the importance of Remembrance Day. Use your best historical vocabulary to explain not just what happened, but why it remains a vital part of our national identity. Ensure your responses are justified with historical context.

Word bank: Armistice · Commemoration · Sacrifice · Legacy · Conflict · Poppies · Reflection · Gratitude

1. The Origins of Armistice: Explain why 11 November was chosen as the date for Remembrance. What was the significance of the 'eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month'? (3 marks)

2. Symbols of Remembrance: Compare and contrast the different ways people show their respect today. Why are poppies used as a symbol, and what do they represent to the public? (3 marks)

3. Personal Perspective: If you were tasked with designing a new monument for your local town to commemorate the fallen, what elements would you include and why? (4 marks)

4. Justifying Remembrance: Some people argue that we should focus only on the present. Justify why it is important for Year 5 pupils to study and remember historical conflicts from the 20th century. (4 marks)

5. The Legacy of Peace: What might happen to a society if it chose to forget its history of conflict? Explain the potential consequences for future generations. (4 marks)

6. Critical Evaluation: Examine the difference between 'celebrating' victory and 'remembering' the sacrifices made. Why is this distinction crucial for historians? (4 marks)

Extension challenge: Compose a short, respectful poem or a formal diary entry from the perspective of a historian reflecting on the importance of peace. Use at least five words from the word bank and ensure your writing captures a solemn and reflective tone.