

Remembrance: A Legacy of Peace

Learning objective: To understand the significance of Remembrance Day, the symbolism of the poppy, and the importance of reflecting on the values of peace and sacrifice.

Leo the Lion is preparing a commemorative assembly. He has gathered historical concepts and symbols related to Remembrance Day. Read the statements below and determine whether they are 'True' or 'False'. For every answer, you must provide a justification explaining your reasoning to demonstrate your historical understanding.

Word bank: Armistice · Sacrifice · Commemoration · Reflection · Solidarity · Conflict · Poppy · Legacy

1. True or False: The poppy became a symbol of Remembrance primarily because it was the only flower that grew in the churned-up soil of the battlefields in Flanders. Explain why this flower was chosen to represent hope. (2 marks)

2. True or False: Remembrance Day is solely about remembering soldiers who fought in the First World War. Justify your answer by considering the modern meaning of Remembrance. (2 marks)

3. True or False: The 'Two Minute Silence' at 11:00 am on 11 November is a global tradition that started in the year 2020. Provide evidence or reasoning to support your answer. (2 marks)

4. Compare and contrast: How does the act of 'remembering' differ from 'celebrating'? Explain why the tone of Remembrance Day is solemn rather than festive. (2 marks)

5. What might happen if societies stopped marking Remembrance Day? Explain the potential impact on future generations and their understanding of peace. (2 marks)

6. Justify your answer: Is the act of wearing a poppy an effective way to promote peace, or are there other actions that could be more impactful in the modern day? (2 marks)

Draw: Design a 'Peace Memorial' for your local community. Instead of traditional statues, use symbols that represent unity, harmony, and the growth of new life. Label the materials you would use and explain the significance of your design choices.



Extension challenge: Compose a short, reflective poem in the style of Leo the Lion. Your poem should focus on the theme of 'Legacy'—what can we do today to ensure the sacrifices of the past lead to a kinder, more peaceful future for everyone?