

Remembrance Day: A Time for Reflection with Leo the Lion

Learning objective: To understand the significance, history, and traditions of Remembrance Day in the UK.

Read the questions carefully and use your historical knowledge to answer them. Some questions test your facts, while others ask you to think deeply about why we remember.

Answer Key: 1.C (11th November), 2.True, 3.False (It commemorates all who served, not just those who died), 4.A (The poppy grew in the churned-up soil of the battlefields), 5.Armistice, 6.Two minutes, 7.B (Whitehall, London), 8.True, 9.The poppy represents hope and resilience, 10.It is a moment to pause, reflect, and express gratitude for those who sacrificed their freedom for ours.

Word bank: Armistice · Poppy · Cenotaph · Silence · Soldier · Conflict · Sacrifice · Peace

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

2. 2. True or False: The 'Armistice' was the agreement that ended the fighting in the First World War. (1 mark)

3. 3. True or False: Remembrance Day is only for people who fought in the First World War. (1 mark)

4. 4. Why is the poppy used as the symbol of remembrance? A) It grew on the battlefields* B) It is the Queen's favourite flower C) It was the only flower available in November D) It represents friendship (1 mark)

5. 5. What is the one-word name for the agreement signed in 1918 to stop the fighting? (1 mark)

6. 6. How long does the period of silence last during remembrance services? (1 mark)

7. 7. Where is the main national memorial in the UK located? A) Buckingham Palace B) The Cenotaph* C) The Tower of London D) Westminster Abbey (1 mark)

8. 8. True or False: Remembrance is about celebrating war. (1 mark)

9. 9. Explain why the poppy is considered a symbol of hope rather than just sadness. (1 mark)

10. 10. Why is it important for the United Kingdom to keep the tradition of the two-minute silence today? (1 mark)

Draw: Leo the Lion is standing quietly by a memorial. Draw him holding a wreath of poppies, showing a respectful and peaceful expression.



Extension challenge: Greater Depth Challenges: 1. Justify your answer: Why do we use a period of silence rather than music or speeches to remember the fallen? 2. Compare and contrast: How might a child's understanding of 'freedom' differ from a soldier's perspective during wartime? 3. What might happen if society chose to stop observing Remembrance Day? 4. Explain why the phrase 'Lest we forget' is inscribed on so many war memorials. 5. Create a short poem in the style of Leo the Lion about the concept of 'peace'. 6. Research local memorials in your own town; how do they reflect the history of your specific community?