

Remembering the Brave: A Story of Remembrance

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

Read the text carefully. Use the word bank to help you understand the tricky words. Write your answers in the boxes provided.

Ellie the elephant loves to learn about history. She wants to tell you about Remembrance Day. Every year, on the 11th of November, people in the UK stop to remember soldiers who lost their lives in wars. This day is marked because, in 1918, a major conflict called the First World War finally ended at 11 o'clock.

Many soldiers lived in deep, muddy holes in the ground called trenches. After the fighting stopped, bright red poppies began to grow in the fields where the battles had been. Today, people wear paper poppies on their coats to show they remember the brave people who helped our country.

At 11 o'clock, many people stand in silence for one minute. This is a quiet time to say 'thank you' for the peace we have today. Ellie likes to think about how lucky we are. She says it is important to be kind and help others so we can live in a world where everyone is safe and happy together.

Word bank: Remembrance: to think about and honor someone · Conflict: a big fight or war · Poppy: a red flower · Honor: to show great respect · Trench: a long, deep hole in the ground used by soldiers

1. On what date do we celebrate Remembrance Day? (Literal) (2 marks)

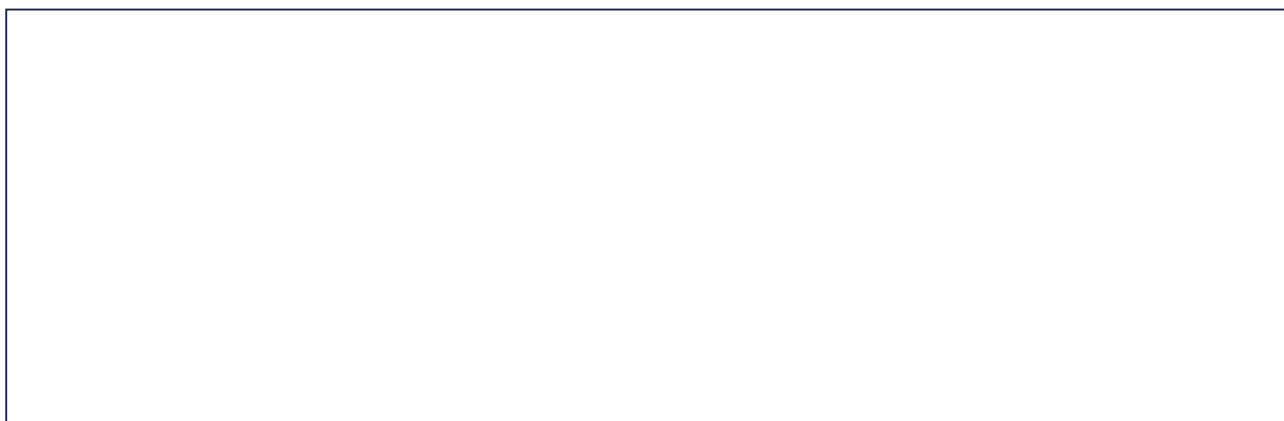
2. What flower do people wear to show they remember the soldiers? (Literal) (2 marks)

3. Why do you think people stand in silence for one minute? (Inferential) (2 marks)

4. Why do you think poppies grew in the fields after the war? (Inferential) (2 marks)

5. Why is it important to remember the soldiers? Give one reason for your answer. (Evaluative) (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a beautiful red poppy flower in a green field. Add a bright sun in the sky above the field.



Extension challenge: Write a short 'thank you' poem for the soldiers. You could start with: 'Thank you for the peace we see, thank you for looking after me...'