Remembrance Day: A Time to Reflect with Leo the Lion

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

Leo the Lion is learning about the history of Remembrance Day. Read the facts below and test your knowledge by answering these 10 questions. Good luck!

Answer Key: 1.C, 2.True, 3.11th November, 4.A, 5.True, 6.False, 7.Poppy, 8.B, 9.C, 10.Respect. Remembrance Day is observed on 11th November to mark the end of the First World War in 1918. A two-minute silence is held at 11:00 am to show respect for those who served. The poppy is a symbol of remembrance because they grew on the battlefields of Flanders.

Word bank: Armistice · Poppy · Cenotaph · Minute · Conflict · Peace · Respect · Veteran · Tribute · Memorial

1. 1. Which month is Remembrance Day observed in the UK? A) October B) December C) November* D) September (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: The two-minute silence is held to show respect for those who served in wars. (1 mark)

3. 3. On what specific date did the First World War end? (Answer in 2 words) (1 mark)

4. 4. What is the name of the famous war memorial in London where the national service takes place? A) The Cenotaph* B) The Tower C) The Palace D) The Arch (1 mark)

5. 5. True or False: The poppy is used as a symbol because it was the first flower to grow on the battlefields after the fighting stopped. (1 mark)

6. 6. True or False: Remembrance Day only honours soldiers from the First World War. (1 mark)

7. 7. What flower is worn as a sign of remembrance? (1-word answer) (1 mark)

8. 8. What time does the two-minute silence traditionally begin? A) 10:00 am B) 11:00 am* C) 12:00 pm D) 9:00 am (1 mark)

9. 9. What is a person who has served in the armed forces called? A) A civilian B) A scientist C) A veteran* D) A tourist (1 mark)

10. 10. Remembrance Day is a time for national _____. (Fill in the blank: Peace / Respect) (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a peaceful garden scene featuring a single bright red poppy growing in a field, as Leo the Lion looks on with a thoughtful expression.

Extension challenge: Write a short poem, just like Leo the Lion would, describing why it is important for us to remember those who have made sacrifices for our country.