Ellie’s Great War History Challenge

Learning objective: To recall and apply knowledge about the causes, key events, and impact of the First World War.

Join Ellie the elephant as she explores the history of the First World War. Read each question carefully and circle the correct answer or write your answer in the space provided.

Answer Key: 1. A (1914), 2. True, 3. False (it was a stalemate), 4. B (Trenches), 5. Armistice, 6. C (11th November), 7. True, 8. Home Front, 9. B (To formalise peace), 10. False (The league was formed after the war).

Word bank: Allies · Central Powers · Trenches · Armistice · 1914 · 1918 · Home Front · Treaty of Versailles

1. 1. In which year did the First World War begin? A) 1914* B) 1916 C) 1918 D) 1920 (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: The war was fought between two main alliances: the Allies and the Central Powers. (1 mark)

3. 3. True or False: The Western Front was a war of rapid movement where armies captured new territory every day. (1 mark)

4. 4. What name is given to the defensive lines dug into the ground by soldiers? A) Bunkers B) Trenches* C) Tunnels D) Ditches (1 mark)

5. 5. What is the word for the formal agreement to stop fighting that ended the conflict? (1 mark)

6. 6. On which date was the Armistice signed? A) 25th December B) 1st January C) 11th November* D) 4th August (1 mark)

7. 7. True or False: During the war, many women took on roles in factories and agriculture that were previously done by men. (1 mark)

8. 8. What do we call the term for the activities and life of civilians in their own country while the war was being fought abroad? (1 mark)

9. 9. Why was the Treaty of Versailles signed in 1919? A) To start a new war B) To formalise peace* C) To share maps D) To trade goods (1 mark)

10. 10. True or False: The First World War was the last time countries ever used international organisations to try and keep the peace. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a commemorative poppy flower in the style of Ellie the elephant, focusing on the bright red petals and the delicate dark centre.

Extension challenge: Research a local memorial in your town or city. Write a short paragraph explaining why it was built and how your local community remembers those who served.