A Time for Remembrance

Learning objective: To understand the significance of Remembrance Day and why we observe the two-minute silence.

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions below in full sentences.

Every year on the 11th of November, people across the United Kingdom pause to mark Remembrance Day. This important date commemorates the end of the First World War in 1918. At exactly eleven o'clock in the morning, a two-minute silence is held to show respect for those who gave their lives in conflicts around the world. Ellie, our wise friend who loves history, explains that this is a time to remember the bravery of soldiers and the sacrifices they made for peace. Many people choose to wear a bright red poppy on their clothing during this time. The poppy is a symbol of hope and remembrance because these resilient flowers grew in the fields where battles once took place. By observing the silence and wearing a poppy, we ensure that the stories of the past are not forgotten. It is a quiet, thoughtful day where communities come together to reflect on how precious peace is and to honour those who served their country with courage and kindness.

Word bank: remembrance · conflict · tribute · commemorate · silence · poppy

1. On what date is Remembrance Day held each year? (1 mark)

2. What are two things that people do to show they are remembering the soldiers? (2 marks)

3. Why do you think the poppy was chosen as the symbol for Remembrance Day? (2 marks)

4. How does the author suggest the two-minute silence makes people feel about peace? (2 marks)

5. Do you think it is important for children to learn about Remembrance Day? Give a reason for your answer. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a peaceful scene featuring a bright red poppy in a green field, perhaps with a clear blue sky above to represent hope.

Extension challenge: Research why the two-minute silence happens at eleven o'clock. Write a short paragraph explaining the significance of that specific time.