Remembrance Day: A History Quiz with Ellie the Elephant

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

Read the questions carefully and use your historical knowledge to answer. Join Ellie the Elephant as we learn about how we honour those who have served in wars.

Answer Key: 1.C, 2.True, 3.11th November, 4.True, 5.B, 6.False, 7.Poppy, 8.A, 9.True, 10.Respect. Ellie's Fact: The red poppy became a symbol of remembrance because they grew in the churned-up fields of the First World War.

Word bank: Armistice · Poppy · Silence · Peace · Veteran · November

1. 1. On what date do we mark Remembrance Day each year? A) 5th November, B) 25th December, C) 11th November*, D) 1st January (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: Remembrance Day is a time to show respect for people who served in the armed forces. (1 mark)

3. 3. What is the name of the flower often worn on clothing to show remembrance? (1 mark)

4. 4. True or False: The two-minute silence is held to give people time to think and remember. (1 mark)

5. 5. What time does the silence traditionally begin? A) 9:00 am, B) 11:00 am*, C) 12:00 pm, D) 3:00 pm (1 mark)

6. 6. True or False: Remembrance Day only remembers people from the Second World War. (1 mark)

7. 7. What word describes a person who has served in the armed forces? (Hint: Starts with V) (1 mark)

8. 8. Why do we hold a silence? A) To show respect*, B) To play a game, C) To eat lunch, D) To do maths (1 mark)

9. 9. True or False: The poppy is red because it represents the colour of the fields in spring. (1 mark)

10. 10. What do we call the agreement to stop fighting that ended the First World War? A) An argument, B) An Armistice*, C) A birthday, D) A holiday (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a field of red poppies and a peaceful sky. Think about why these flowers are special to Ellie the Elephant.

Extension challenge: Write a short poem, like Leo the Lion would, about why it is important to be kind and think of others during the two-minute silence.