Remembrance Day: A Reflective Fact-File

Learning objective: To understand the historical significance of Remembrance Day and why we commemorate the contributions of those who served in the World Wars.

Use this fact-file to organise what you have learned about Remembrance Day. You may use your history books, class notes, or reliable encyclopaedias to research your answers. Think carefully about how we show respect and why remembering history matters today.

Word bank: Armistice · Commemorate · Poppy · Conflict · Sacrifice · Silence · Veteran · Tribute

1. The History: When and why did the First World War end? Mention the importance of 11 November 1918. (3 marks)

2. The Symbolism: Why is the red poppy used as a symbol of remembrance? Explain its connection to the landscape of the Western Front. (3 marks)

3. The Tradition: Describe how Remembrance Day is observed in the UK today. Mention at least two ways people show their respect. (2 marks)

4. Personal Reflection: Ellie the elephant always remembers the stories of the past. Why do you think it is important for our generation to keep learning about these events? (3 marks)

5. Local Links: Does your local area have a war memorial? Describe what it looks like or research a name you might find on a memorial in your town or city. (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Write a short, respectful poem in the style of Leo the lion, reflecting on the importance of peace and the meaning of the two-minute silence.