Remembrance Day: A History Quiz with Ellie the Elephant

Learning objective: To understand the historical significance of Remembrance Day and why we mark 11 November.

Ellie the Elephant has been reading through her history archives! Use your knowledge to answer these 10 questions about Remembrance Day. Good luck!

Answer Key: 1. (C) 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month; 2. True; 3. The poppy; 4. (B) 1918; 5. False (it is a mark of respect); 6. The Cenotaph; 7. (A) To remember those who served and lost their lives; 8. 11 November; 9. (C) John McCrae; 10. True.

Word bank: Armistice · Poppy · Conflict · Silence · Memorial · Veteran · Trench · Sacrifice

1. At what time and date does the national two-minute silence traditionally begin? A) 10:00am, 10th November B) 12:00pm, 11th November C) 11:00am, 11th November* D) 9:00am, 12th November (1 mark)

2. True or False: The poppy became a symbol of Remembrance because it was one of the only plants that grew in the churned-up soil of the battlefields. (1 mark)

3. What is the name of the flower famously worn to show support for the Armed Forces community? (1 mark)

4. In which year did the First World War officially end? A) 1914 B) 1918* C) 1939 D) 1945 (1 mark)

5. True or False: Remembrance Day is a celebration meant to be loud and joyful. (1 mark)

6. What is the name of the famous war memorial in London where the main Remembrance service is held? (1 mark)

7. Why do we observe Remembrance Day? A) To remember those who served and lost their lives* B) To celebrate the invention of new technology C) To mark the start of the summer holidays D) To honor the birthday of the monarch (1 mark)

8. On what date do we mark Remembrance Day every year? (1 mark)

9. Who wrote the famous poem 'In Flanders Fields'? A) William Shakespeare B) Roald Dahl C) John McCrae* D) Charles Dickens (1 mark)

10. True or False: A 'veteran' is a person who has served in the armed forces. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a field of poppies with a peaceful sky above, as if you were creating a commemorative poster for your school hall.

Extension challenge: Ellie wants you to research one local war memorial in your town or city. Write a short paragraph explaining who it honours and why it is important for your local community to keep that history alive.