



Remembrance Day



When Is Remembrance Day?

- Remembrance Day is on 11th November.
- It is celebrated every year.
- Remembrance Sunday is the second Sunday in November.



What Is Remembrance Day?

Remembrance Day marks the date and time the First World War ended.

It finished on 11th November 1918 at 11 a.m.

How and Why Is It Celebrated?

There is a two-minute silence at 11 a.m. on Remembrance Day and Remembrance Sunday.

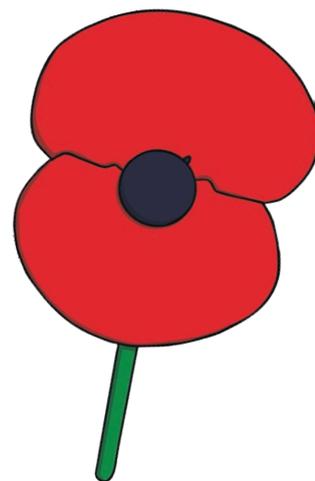
The silence is to remember the people who have died at war. Many people go to a cenotaph to lay a wreath of poppies.

Remembrance Poppies

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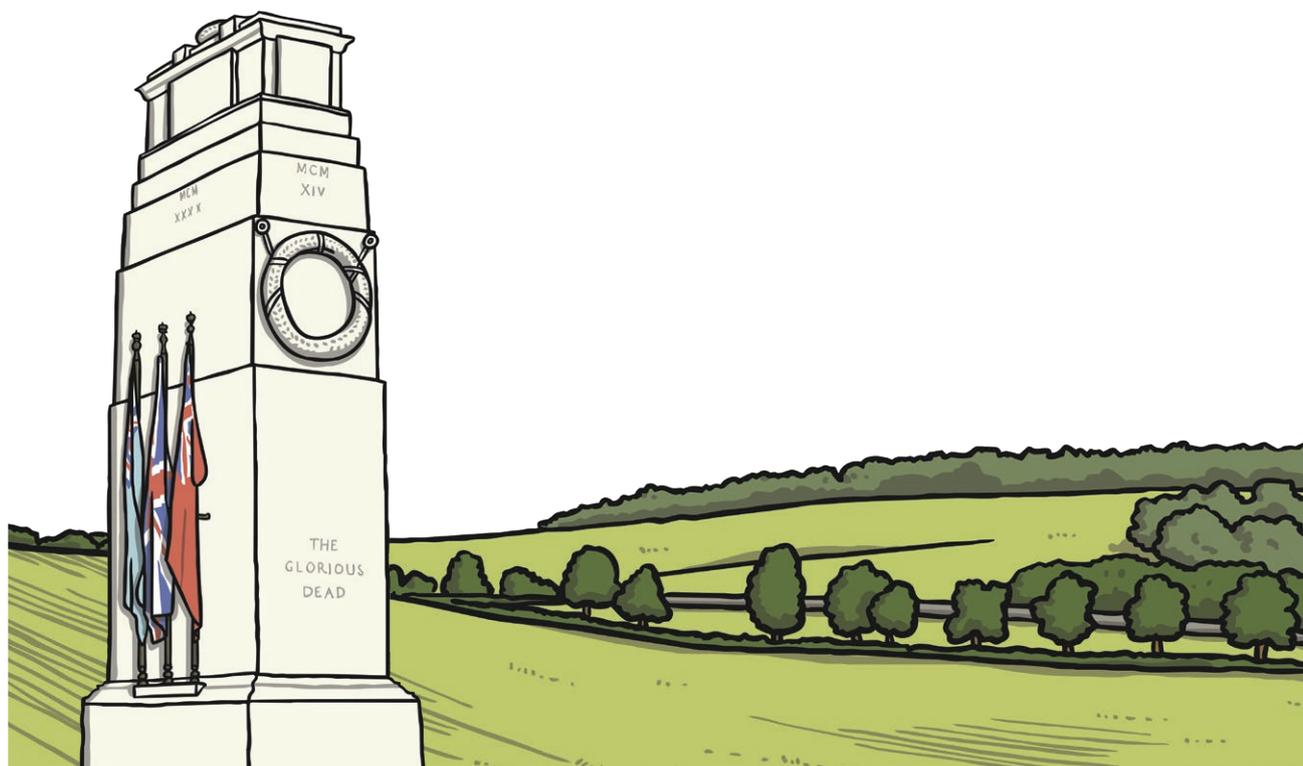
Now, people wear poppies to remember the people who died.

You can get stickers, pins and badges to wear.



Did You Know... ?

Remembrance Day is also known as Poppy Day.



Questions

1. Remembrance Sunday is always on 11th November. True or false?
Tick one.
 - True
 - False
2. At what time did the First World War end? Tick one.
 - 11 a.m.
 - 12 a.m.
 - 1 a.m.
3. Many people go to a cenotaph to lay a wreath of poppies. Tick the word which means the same as 'lay'.
 - sleep
 - place
 - hang
4. Why are poppies worn on Remembrance Day? Tick one.
 - They are red.
 - They grew on the battlefields.
 - Soldiers like them.
5. What is Remembrance Day also known as? Tick one.
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Remembrance Day is celebrated every year on 11th November. There is also a celebration on the second Sunday of November which is called Remembrance Sunday.



What Is Remembrance Day?

Remembrance Day commemorates the date and time the First World War ended. It finished on 11th November 1918 at 11 a.m. It has been an annual memorial day since 1919.



How and Why Is It Celebrated?

On both Remembrance Day and Remembrance Sunday, a two-minute silence is held. The silence is to remember the millions of people who have died at war.

Many people go to a cenotaph to lay a wreath of poppies. In London, members of the royal family visit the Cenotaph. The silence starts and ends with the firing of a gun or cannon.

Remembrance Poppies

Poppies are worn on Remembrance Day because they are the flowers which grew on the battlefields after the First World War ended.

The Royal British Legion charity sells stickers, pins and badges to raise money for those in the armed forces and their families.



Did You Know... ?

Remembrance Day is sometimes called Armistice Day.



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Remembrance Day has been celebrated since 1919 because this is the year after the First World War ended.
4. How is the two-minute silence marked in London?
In London, the two-minute silence is marked by the firing of a gun or cannon.
5. The Royal British Legion charity raises money for poppy shows.
 - true
 - false**



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Remembrance Day is an annual celebration on 11th November that is held in many countries across the world. There is also a marked observance on the second Sunday of November known as Remembrance Sunday.

The initial Remembrance Day was in 1919. This was one year after the First World War had ended.



What Is Remembrance Day?

The First World War ended on 11th November 1918 at 11 a.m. It was the eleventh hour on the eleventh day of the eleventh month. Remembrance Day is a memorial day. This means that people remember those who have died during wars.



How and Why Is It Celebrated?

A two-minute silence is observed both on Remembrance Day and on Remembrance Sunday at 11 a.m. to honour those who had fallen during the war. In the United Kingdom, the main observance is Remembrance Sunday.

Ceremonies are often held at local cenotaphs. In London, members of the royal family gather with the armed forces and members of parliament around the Cenotaph in Whitehall. Wreaths of poppies are laid as a mark of respect. The start of the silence is usually marked by the firing of a gun or cannon.



Did You Know... ?

In 1919, even the trams and cars in London stopped moving for the two-minute silence.

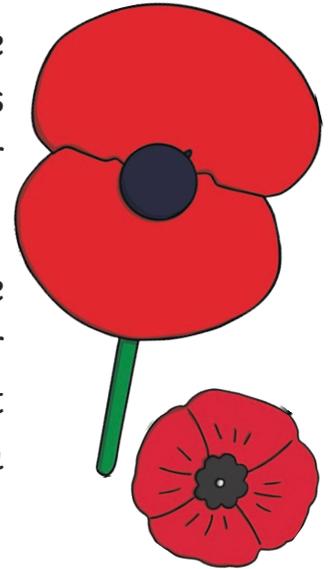


Remembrance Poppies

Poppies were first worn in 1921 to commemorate those who had died in the war because poppies grew on the battlefields after the First World War had ended.

Initially, poppies were only worn on Remembrance Day itself but now they are worn from late October to the middle of November. There are many different poppies available from the Royal British Legion charity, including stickers, pins and badges.

In 2014, the Tower of London's dry moat was covered in 888,246 ceramic poppies. Each represented a soldier of the British Empire who was killed in the First World War.



Questions

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3. Draw **three** lines and match each event to the year that it happened. The first one has been done for you.

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Poppies grew on the **battlefields** after the First World War had ended.

5. How do the royal family take part in Remembrance Day?

The royal family gather with the armed forces and members of parliament around the Cenotaph in Whitehall.

6. In your opinion, why do you think that ceramic poppies were placed on the Tower of London's dry moat?

Pupils' own responses, such as: I think that ceramic poppies were placed in the Tower of London's dry moat because it is a popular place for people to visit. Lots of people would see them and remember the soldiers of the British Empire who were killed in the First World War.