

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?

On Remembrance Day and Remembrance Sunday, there is a two minute silence at 11 a.m.

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

After the end of the First World War, poppies grew on the battlefields.

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

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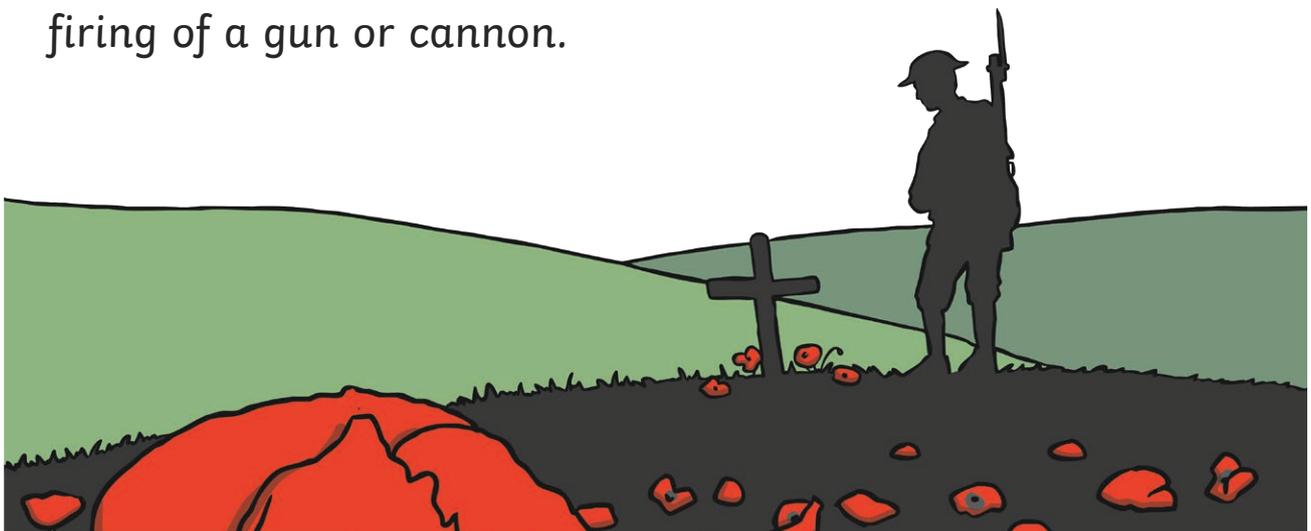
Remembrance Day commemorates the date and time the First World War ended. It finished on 11th November 1918 at 11 a.m. It has been an annual memorial day since 1919.



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.

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In London, the two minute silence is marked by the firing of a gun or cannon.

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

The initial Remembrance Day was in 1919, the 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. The eleventh hour, of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. Remembrance Day is a memorial day, on which people remember those who have died during wars.



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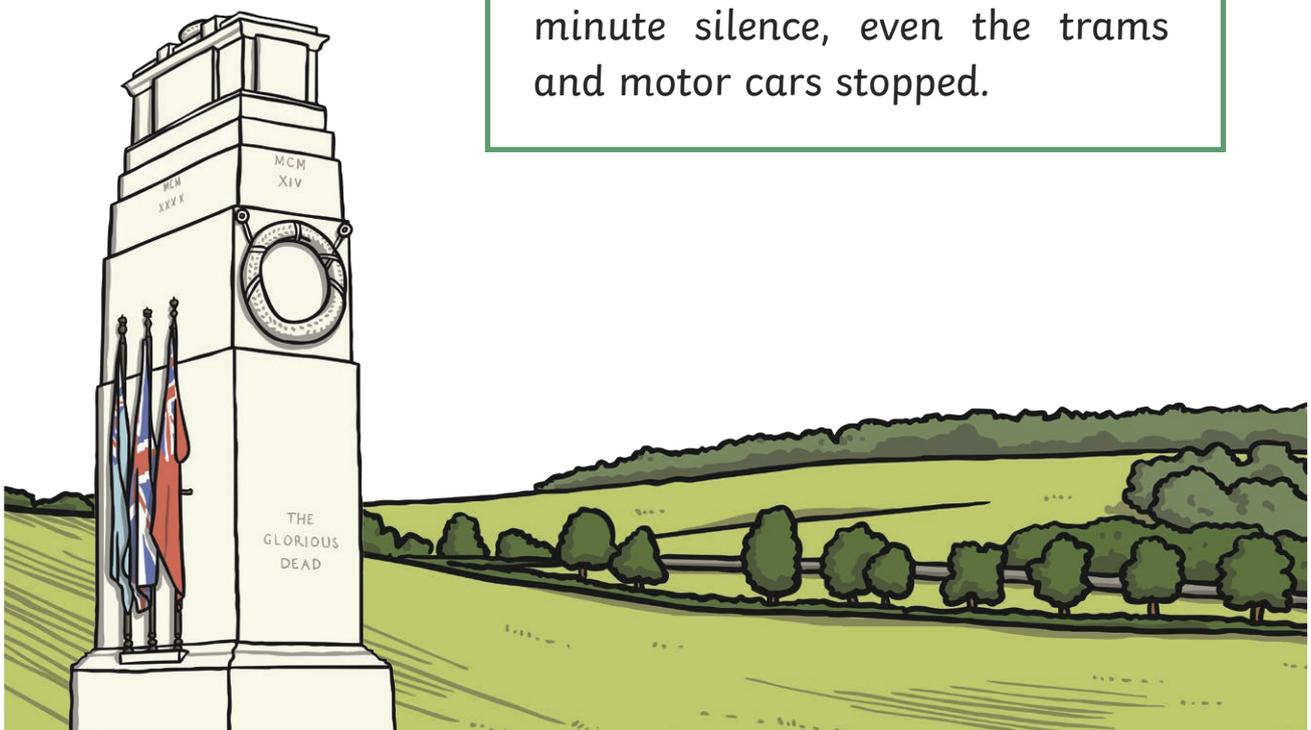
A two minute silence is observed both on Remembrance Day and on Remembrance Sunday at 11:00 a.m. to honour those who have fallen during the war. In the United Kingdom, the main observance is Remembrance Sunday.

Ceremonies are often held at local cenotaphs, where various people gather including ex-servicemen, Scouts, Guides and the Salvation Army.

In London, members of the royal family, including the queen, 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 London in 1919 during the two minute silence, even the trams and motor cars stopped.



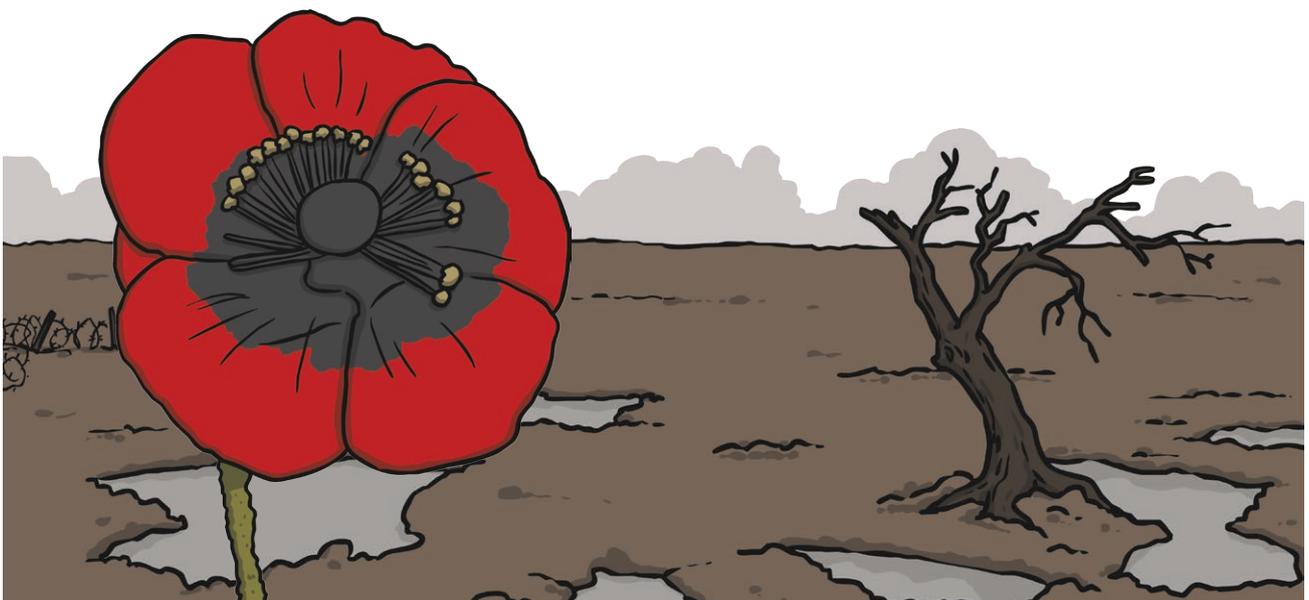
Remembrance Poppies

Poppies were first worn in 1921, to commemorate those who had died in the war. This is as a result of the poppies that grew on the battlefields after the First World War had ended. The red colour of the poppies also became a symbol of the blood spilt during the war.

Initially, poppies were only worn on Remembrance Day itself, however, now they are worn from late October to the middle of November. They are worn by the general public, the royal family and other public figures.

There are many different versions of the poppy 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 representing a soldier of the British Empire killed in the First World War.



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Answers

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The date and time of the two minute silence is significant because it is exactly when the First World War ended.

2. Find and copy one word which means the first.

Initial

3. Why is Remembrance Day a memorial day?

Remembrance Day is a memorial day because it is a day when people remember those who have died.

4. Why do you think poppies are now worn for a longer period?

Any sensible suggestion made by the child. Answers may be along the lines of, I think poppies are now worn for a longer period because people want to show their respect for longer than a single day.

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

The royal family take part in Remembrance Day by attending a ceremony at the Cenotaph in London.

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

Answers will vary.