

Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day is a **tribute** to people in the **armed forces** who fought and died for their country. The day gives people the opportunity to remember those who worked hard to help their country.

The First World War

The First World War began in 1914. It lasted for just over four years and ended in 1918.

When Remembrance Day Happens

Remembrance Day happens every year. It is on the 11th November because this is the date that the First World War ended.

The time that the war ended was 11 a.m. and people take part in a moment of silence to remember all those that died. This happens in lots of countries around the world.

Poppies have become such a symbol for Remembrance Day that some people actually call Remembrance Day 'Poppy Day'.

People are given the chance to buy a poppy each year. The tradition of selling poppies began in 1921. Some of the money raised from the sale of poppies goes to charities. These charities use the money to try to help injured members of the armed forces and their families.

Why People Wear Red Poppies

Bright red poppies grew on the battlefields after the First World War had ended. That's why people now wear poppies on Remembrance Day.

The First Remembrance Day in Britain

This is a diary entry that was written on the first Remembrance Day that was held in Britain.

11th November 1919

As I stood outside my house, there were lots of people standing in silence. It was an incredible sight.

Men were looking at the floor and holding their caps against their chests. Women wiped tears from their eyes and young children stood very still. Every person knew why they were taking part in this event. Amazingly, I even saw a horse stop and lower its head like it knew what was happening.

I will never forget this day.

Glossary

armed forces: A country's army, navy and air force.

tribute: An act, statement or gift that is intended to show gratitude, respect or admiration.

1. In which year did the First World War end? Tick one.

- 1915
- 1916
- 1917
- 1918

2. Number the events from 1-4 to show the order that they happened in.

The first one has been done for you.

- The First World War ended.
- 1** The First World War started.
- The first Remembrance Day happened.
- The first poppies were sold.

3. At what time do people take part in a moment of silence on Remembrance Day? Tick one.

- 8 a.m.
- 9 a.m.
- 10 a.m.
- 11 a.m.

4. Draw **three** lines and complete each sentence.

Poppies have become a symbol...	'Poppy Day'.
People are given the chance to buy...	a poppy each year.
Some people actually call Remembrance Day...	for Remembrance Day.

5. After the First World War had ended, what grew on the battlefields?

6. Fill in the missing words.

Women wiped _____ from their eyes and young _____ stood very still.

7. Why do you think that the author of the diary entry wrote that they **will never forget this day**?