



VE DAY

8th May 1945

GET INVOLVED AT
SCHOOL

Victory in Europe Day - 8th May 1945



Why is VE Day such an important day in history?



How did people feel about VE Day?



VE Day - a time for celebration in 1945...

How do you think the people in this picture were feeling?



What were they celebrating?



Who is missing from the picture?



VE Day in Kenya - a time for thanksgiving in 1945...

Many people attended thanksgiving services on VE Day.

What do you think these soldiers are being thanked for?



Why was VE Day a moment for thanksgiving?



What do we have to be grateful to the Second World War generation for today?



VE Day - a time for Remembrance in 1945...

Why was VE Day
a moment for
Remembrance?



What is the mood
portrayed in these
images?




Is it important
that we still
remember today?

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...and now?

Our challenge is to
plan how we can
commemorate
VE Day in school.

Commemorate: remember through special actions or events

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A taste of war time?

- Try making a war time recipe such as a cake or some lemonade
- Which kitchen utensils do we have now that wouldn't have existed in 1945? For an extra challenge try to make your recipes using 1945 methods!
- Find out which foods were rationed and plan a party menu fit for VE Day
- You could try a taste test to explore the differences between foods in 1945 and 2020

TAKE IT FURTHER

Why not throw a school party or picnic with the food you have made? You might like to contact someone from your community to talk about their experiences of VE Day and to show them what you have made.



Create a peace display

- How can we remember the past and build a peaceful future together?
- Think about what peace looks like and the actions we could take everyday to achieve this
- Create a peace display somewhere in school to remind students to be kind to each other
- Include the word "peace" in different languages

TAKE IT FURTHER

Get in contact with local faith leaders and ask them to share thoughts that can be included in the peace display.



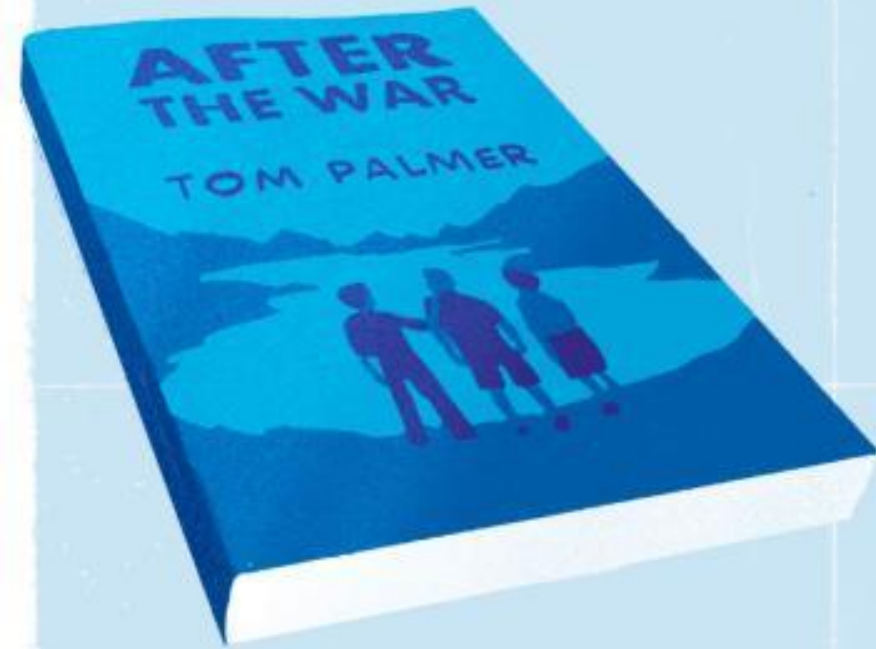
Step back in time

- Recreate VE Day celebrations in your classroom by coming to school in 1940s style clothes and listening to wartime music
- Learn some popular 1940s songs
- Practise 1940s dance moves such as the Lindy Hop
- Try rewriting the lyrics to 1940s songs with a focus on the 75th anniversary of VE Day

TAKE IT FURTHER

You could film or take pictures of your group performing some of the songs and dances, then share them with the community.

Share stories of VE Day



- Read aloud a short story or chapter of a longer book relevant to VE Day
- You could re-enact the story and try hot seating some of the characters
- Read and discuss newspaper front pages from 8th May 1945
- Research and write about VE Day from the perspective of someone who experienced it

TAKE IT FURTHER

You could use your school library and computers to find more information about VE Day and the Second World War. (Top tip: try the "military history" or "historical fiction" sections)

Thought of the day

When addressing the public on VE Day, King George VI called upon people to remember those who died and to:

“...make the world such a world as they would have desired for their children and for ours.”

What might you do to celebrate, give thanks, and remember?

www.rbl.org.uk/remembrance