

## 75th Anniversary of VE Day

### How is VE remembered by those that were there?

#### **Note for parents:**

In this enquiry, we are going to find out about how VE Day was celebrated at the time using two contrasting but linked primary sources (from the time). It does include reference to death so may be inappropriate to children who have experienced this.

We'll use the idea of similarity and difference to explore the sources in more detail.

All resources can also be found at: <https://www.mrtdoeshistory.com/ve-day-key-stage-2>

#### **Task One-** VE DAY 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Online Lesson with Mrtdoeshistory

<https://youtu.be/Qnh7sq4pvdY>



**Task Two** - Read the accounts of VE day (on the accompanying worksheets) and make a list of similarities and differences.

### **Task Three- Choice Task**

Dan Snow's VE day challenge <https://ve-vjday75.gov.uk/dan-snows-ve-day-challenge/>

Choose an activity to complete- you could even enter the challenge (details on the link) by tagging your entry by 6 May.

### **Task Four- Optional Extras!**

Find lots more information about VE day at: <https://ve-vjday75.gov.uk/>

**Art-** pattern and colour work using the colours of the Union Jack to create bunting for a street party.

- line and shading work to draw a local memorial (use a photograph if you can't visit) and try and capture the shadow and light.

**Design Technology** - Plan what you would serve for a street party to mark the end the war in Europe. To add additional challenge, learn about rationing and limit the food available to be used during the party.

**Music** - compare the music of the time to modern music and identify similarities and differences between them.

- learn to sing one of the songs and think about the meaning and the tone it should be sung with.

### **Useful links:**

BBC Teach link explaining VE day: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/history-ks2-ve-day/z7xtmfr>

Winston Churchill's speech to the nation:  
<https://winstonchurchill.org/resources/speeches/1941-1945-war-leader/to-v-e-crowds/>

BBC Teach link explaining rationing: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/history-ks2-rationing-in-the-uk/zbgy9q>