

Topic Learning: Week Beginning: 4th May 2020

Why is VE Day important today?



Friday 8 May is the 75th anniversary of Victory over Europe, when the nation will commemorate the service and sacrifice of the WWII generation then and now.

Suggested Activities

KS1

1. Draw a poppy in red. In each of the four petals, complete the following four statements:
I hope...
I love...
I want...
I wish...
2. Rationing throughout World War II forced people to cook with limited ingredients. Have a look at the Rationing lesson presentation (*see resources*). and, with help, have a go at making spam hash, eggless cake or bubble and squeak. Create your own ration book.

KS2

1. What is the significance of the poppy as a symbol? Write a Poppy Prayer. How does it make you feel when you see poppies?
2. Think carefully about the foods that were available during the war. Have a look at the Rationing lesson presentation (*see resources*). Create a wartime meal plan to show what may typically have been eaten over the course of one week.

Why not mark VE day by having a stay at home street party?

Decorate your home red, white and blue, bake some cakes and enjoy an afternoon tea picnic in your garden or front room.

Great British Bunting: You can make your own special VE Day 75 'Great British Bunting' to display in your window at home.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/4TrqYDyf4PMdLypxzyTwGDg/great-british-bunting>

VE Day 75: Commemorate it with this musical activity <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/bring-the-noise/ve-day-2020/zksjjhv>

Vocabulary

World war two victory Germany Winston Churchill surrender festival
United Kingdom United States liberation fighting war Europe celebrate
peace soldiers poppy 8th May 1945 end rationing