

VE day – Friday 8th May



This Friday, the country will be celebrating a special day called VE day. But why?

Your challenge is to see if you can find the answers to the following questions. We've listed some places below you could go to, to find some of the answers, but it could be that your parents, but more likely your Grandparents might be able to help you too.



Key Stage 1 Questions

- 1) What does the 'VE' in VE day stand for?
- 2) What is the exact date it is linked to?
- 3) What happened on that day?
- 4) How did people celebrate back then?
- 5) Why should we remember it today and what makes this year so special?

Key Stage 2 Questions

- 1) What does VE mean?
- 2) What brought about VE Day? (How did it happen and who made it happen?)
- 3) How did people celebrate VE Day around the world?
- 4) Did VE Day mean WWII was over?
- 5) Was everybody happy on 8th May 1945 – can you explain your understanding?
- 6) Why do you think people still celebrate VE day all this time later?

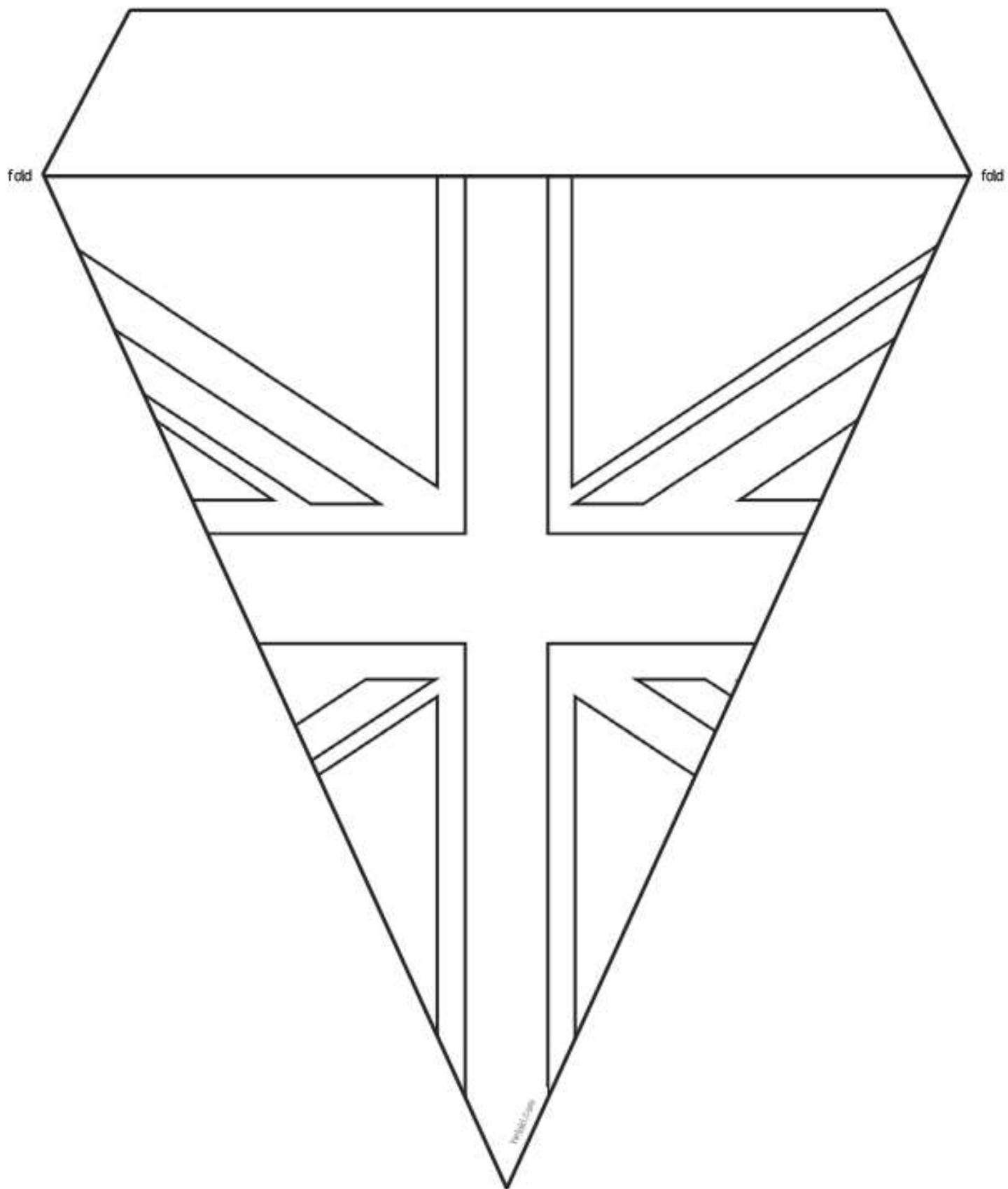
You may also like to:

- Create some VE themed bunting to decorate your house. The local news are looking for pictures of people's bunting that they have made. We have also included a template if needed.

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

- Listen to music of the day – see the link below.
- Check out traditional games such as cards, marbles, dice and jacks and play as a family to bring everyone together.
- Make a Spitfire glider – see the download attached.
- Write a postcard to a friend telling them about VE day. (see below)
- Get arty! You could produce your own victory inspired artwork look at some of the greats such as LS Lowry. <https://artuk.org/discover/artworks/ve-day-84993>
- Find out facts about WWII planes, tanks or boats. Can you draw a picture of your favourite?
- Colour in some of the VE themed colouring-in pictures attached.
- Write a newspaper article from the 8th May 1945. Imagine you were reporting at the time. What would the atmosphere be like – what were the facts?
- Complete the VE day word search attached.

Watch:	https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/history-ks2-ve-day/z7xtmfr (BBC Video explains what VE Day is and how it came about.) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6AC2vzAA5N8 VE Day in 1945 – in colour
Read:	https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/48201749 CBBC website giving information and pictures https://www.iwm.org.uk/history/what-you-need-to-know-about-ve-day Imperial War Museum VE information Log on to espresso and search 'VE day' – there's lots of interesting fact files and videos. https://central.espresso.co.uk/espresso/modules/t2_20th_century_archive/1940s/events.html
Listen:	https://soundcloud.com/now-press-play/ww2 A taster of being an evacuee during WW2 https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/historyks2-world-war-2-clips-index/zjc8cqt The most popular wartime songs





Write a postcard to a friend - telling them about VE Day.

	<p>Address</p>
<p>Dear</p>	