

Friday 8th May

Hello year 5,

Today marks the 75th Anniversary of VE Day. As it is a national bank holiday (and we normally wouldn't be in school) we would like you to have a go at some different activities to mark this very special occasion. In this presentation there is some information about what VE Day was all about, as well as a range of activities for you to try at home.

Enjoy!

Miss Savage and Mrs Montgomery





VE DAY

75TH ANNIVERSARY

A SHARED MOMENT OF CELEBRATION

8 - 10 MAY 2020

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VE Day - 75 Years

The year 2020 marks 75 years since the original VE Day!

But what was VE day?

Here are some images of people celebrating the first VE Day.



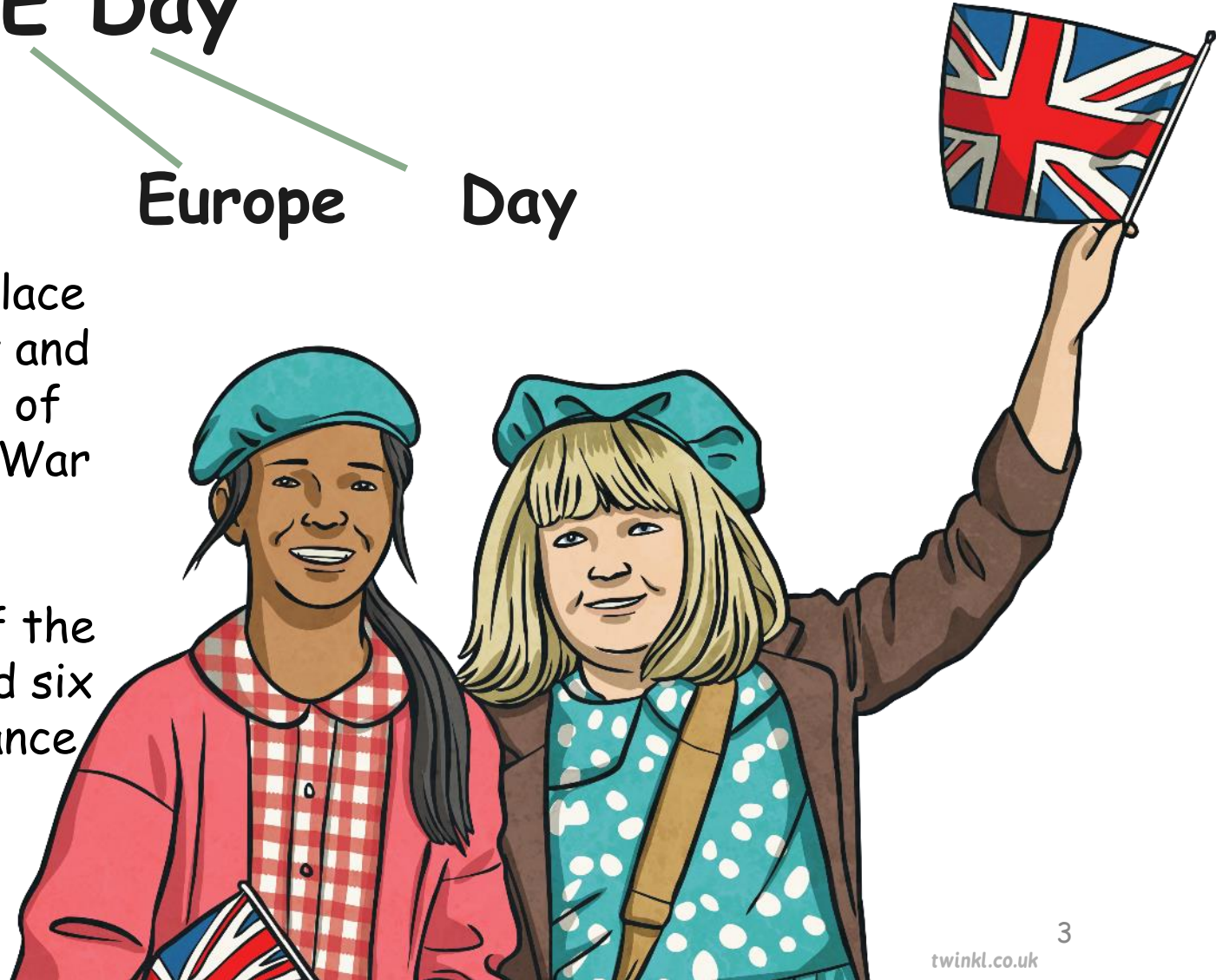
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What is VE Day?

VE Day
Victory in Europe Day

Victory in Europe Day or VE Day took place on May 8th 1945. It was a public holiday and day of celebration to mark the defeat of Germany by the Allied forces in World War II.

VE Day marked the formal conclusion of the war with Germany and brought to an end six years of suffering, courage and endurance across the world.



The Second World War

Britain had been at war since September 1939. The war had caused great hardships for the entire country.



Cities, such as Coventry, London and Plymouth were badly bombed and many were killed. Buildings were destroyed and people were left homeless.



It was usually impossible for soldiers to visit home due to the war.



Food was rationed; before the war, Britain imported lots of its food from abroad. With German submarines manning the seas, importing food was too risky.

384,000 British soldiers were killed and many more were wounded.

The End

By the end of April 1945, the leader of Italy, Benito Mussolini and the leader of Germany, Adolf Hitler, were dead. Germany was in ruins.

On May 7th 1945, in the presence of senior officers from Britain, America, Russia and France, Germany surrendered unconditionally. At last, there was peace in Europe.

As news of the surrender spread, the war-weary British began to rejoice straight away. People ran out on to the streets, hanging bunting and banners and dancing. Church bells pealed and everyone brought out food to share at street parties.

Tuesday May 8th was to be a national day of celebration; Victory in Europe Day.



VE Day

On Tuesday May 8th the national day of celebration began; Victory in Europe Day. Churchill made a speech in which he said: "My dear friends, this is your hour. This is not victory of a party or of any class. It's a victory of the great British nation as a whole."

After suffering so many bombing raids, London was the place to be on VE Day and anyone who could reach the city did so. The centre of London was full of people wearing red, white and blue, waving flags, dancing and singing. Fireworks filled the sky with flashes of light.



"This is your victory!"

Shortly after Churchill's speech, King George VI, Queen Elizabeth and the two princesses came out onto the balcony at Buckingham Palace. It was to be the first of eight appearances by the King and Queen on VE Day. When the doors onto the balcony were opened again at 5.30pm, the Royal Family stepped out accompanied by the man of the hour, Churchill. Churchill later told the crowds: "This is your victory!"



A Memorable Night

Later that evening, Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret slipped out of Buckingham Palace to experience the celebrations for themselves. They stood amongst the joyful crowds below the royal balcony.

HM Queen Elizabeth II recalled in 1985:
"... my sister and I realised we couldn't see what the crowds were enjoying ... so we asked my parents if we could go out and see for ourselves ... After crossing Green Park we stood outside and shouted, 'We want the King', and were successful in seeing my parents on the balcony. I think it was one of the most memorable nights of my life."



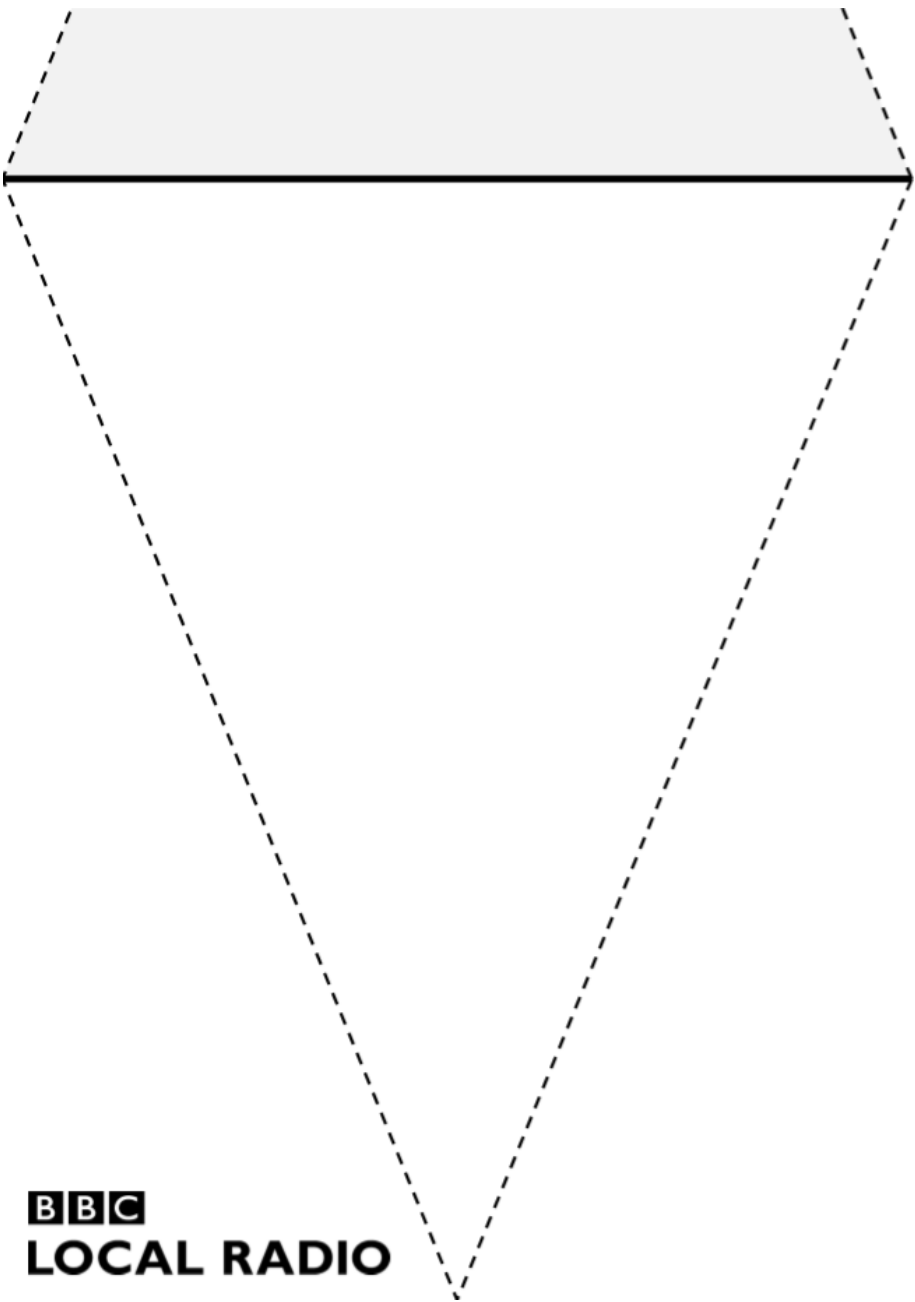


Activity Ideas

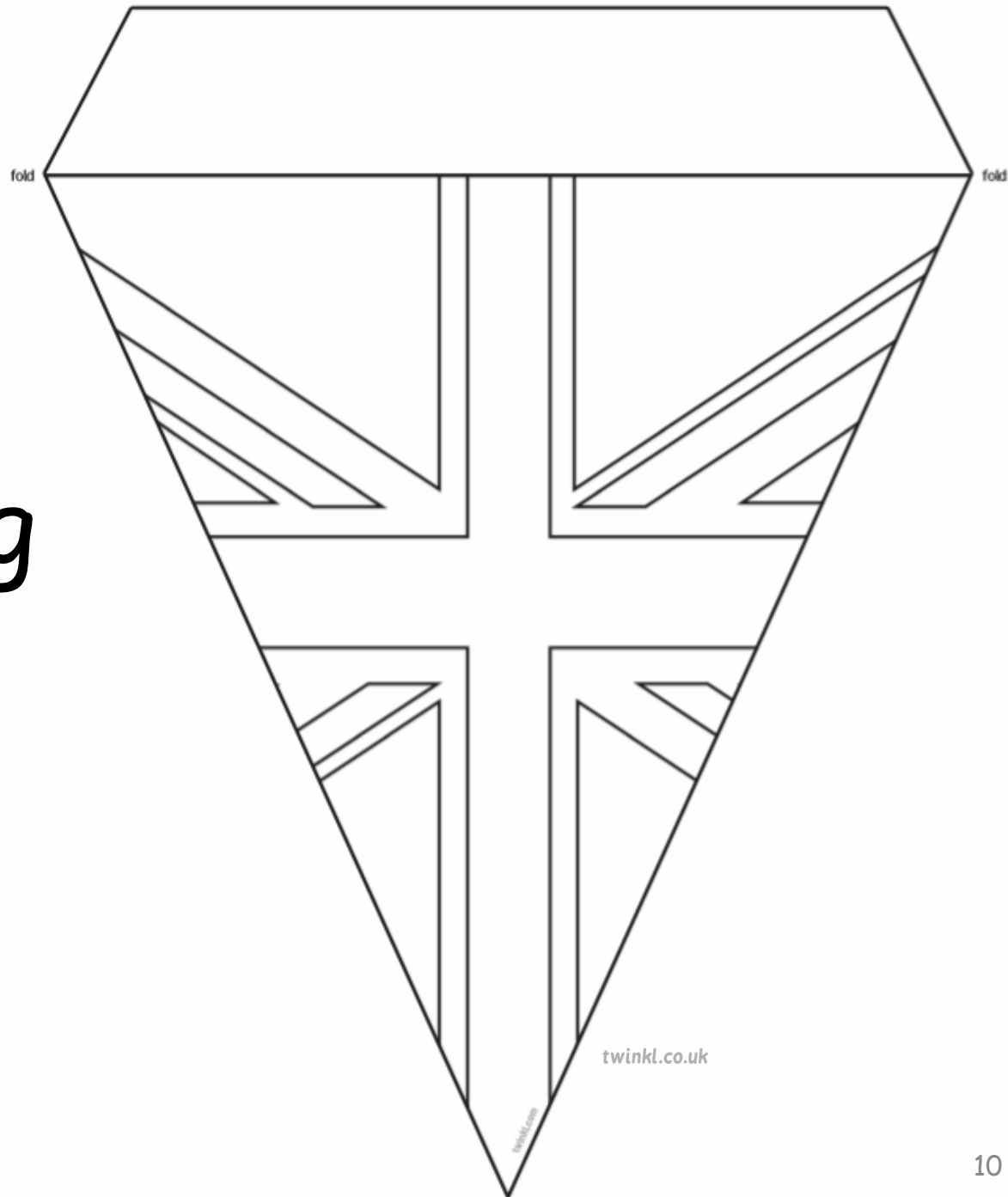


On the next few slides there are a variety of VE Day activities for you to have a go at.

Have fun!



Bunting



How to Make Your VE Day 'Great British Bunting'

#GreatBritishBunting

#VEDay75

1) Make your flags:

To print out the template:

- Download and print the template from bbc.co.uk/makeadifference
- Cut along the dotted lines

OR

To make your own template:

- Take an A4 piece of paper long ways up (portrait)
- Fold over about 2cm at the top
- Fold the paper in half long ways
- Draw a line diagonally from the outside of the paper at the top to the fold in the middle at the bottom
- Cut along that line through both sides of the paper
- Unfold your paper

2) Decorate your bunting:

- Decorate the main triangle but leave the top strip blank
- You can decorate with anything you want – paint, pencils, collage, glitter, stickers, crayons, pens
- You can draw anything that inspires you but here are some ideas if you get stuck:
 - ❖ A soldier from WW2
 - ❖ Your grandfather who was in the navy
 - ❖ Your grandmother who worked for the RAF
 - ❖ Union Flag
 - ❖ A dove of peace
 - ❖ Your message of thanks
 - ❖ Your hero

3) Construct your bunting

- When you've decorated all of your flags, fold along the solid black line to make a flap
- Put the flap over your string or ribbon and glue or tape the flap in place
- Leave a gap between each triangle and keep adding them until you're done with a spare bit of string/ribbon on each end for hanging
- Hang your bunting in your window for people to enjoy!

We'd love to see your wonderful bunting and to share it with more people on our social media. Send us your photos or tag us in your social media posts – don't forget to use the hashtags #GreatBritishBunting and #VEDay75.

Get in touch with your BBC Local Radio station to let us know who you will be remembering this VE Day and how you will be marking the commemorations at home. You can find contact details for your local station at bbc.co.uk/makeadifference.

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Dancing in WW2

Dancing was one of the most popular pastimes in Britain, with young men and women flocking to local dancehalls, ballrooms and church halls to dance their cares away. These places offered a friendly atmosphere and much needed escape from the everyday challenges faced during the war. Civilians socialised with local and overseas forces. In the early 1940s, American troops introduced British dancers to new fast-paced dance crazes like the Lindy Hop and Jitterbug.



Why not have a go at dancing the Lindy Hop, instructions on the next slide.

HOW TO DANCE THE LINDY HOP

SWING



The 'Lindy Hop' is a swing dance that originated in New York in the late 1920s and early 1930s. It gained popularity in the UK in the 1940s thanks to the American servicemen stationed here during the Second World War.

THE SWING OUT

The Swing Out is a cornerstone Lindy Hop move. It's danced in 8-counts and is a basic building block for other dance steps.

STEP 1

Rock step - take a step back with your full weight, then transfer the weight to your front foot while keeping it in place.



STEP 2

Triple step - take a step to your side. Bring your feet together. Take another step to your side.



STEP 3

Walk

STEP 4

Walk

STEP 5

Triple step

READY FOR MORE?

When you triple step, try to swing the rhythm three-a-four, or long-short-short



Watch the stars of 'Strictly Come Dancing' do the Lindy Hop.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xu6Y9cAQqIs>

Try it for yourself!

A taste of war time!

Try making a war time recipe, there are some ideas on the next slide.



DRINKS

GINGER BEER

1 gallon / 4.5 litres of boiled water

1 lb / 450g sugar

½ oz / 14g yeast

1 level teaspoon ground ginger

1 level teaspoon cream of tartar

METHOD

1. Put the yeast in a basin with 280ml water and 1 tsp of sugar. Stir and leave to stand until the yeast rises.
2. Put the boiled water, sugar, ginger and cream of tartar into a large jug. Once the water is lukewarm warm, stir in the yeast.
3. Leave to stand until cool, then skim well and bottle carefully. It will be ready for use in two days.

LEMONADE

3 lemons

2 oz / 55g granulated sugar

2 pints / 1.2 litres water

METHOD

1. Peel the rind from the lemons and cut them into 1cm slices.
2. Place the lemon rinds in a bowl and sprinkle the sugar over them. Let this stand for about an hour.
3. Boil the water and then pour over the sugared lemon rinds. Allow this mixture to cool and then strain.
4. Squeeze the lemons into another bowl. Pour the juice through a sieve into the sugar mixture. Stir well, pour into a jug and pop it in the fridge. Serve with ice.

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VE DAY RECIPES



SAVOURY SNACKS

CHEESE & MARMITE SWIRLS

12 oz / 340g plain white or wholemeal flour

4 oz / 115g margarine

4 oz / 115g strong cheddar cheese

2 eggs (or 7tbsp dried eggs)

1 teaspoon dried mustard powder

Salt and pepper

3 teaspoons of quick rise dried yeast

Marmite for spreading

METHOD

1. Mix together the flour, mustard powder, seasoning, yeast in a large bowl.
2. Break up the margarine and rub into the dry mixture, then add in the grated cheese.
3. Mix in the two beaten eggs and knead until a dough is formed.
4. Next, flour your work surface and rolling pin. Roll out the dough into an oblong shape about 1cm thick. You can make two smaller batches by breaking the dough in half.
5. Spread the Marmite across the dough sheet, then roll up into a long swiss roll shape and slice along with a sharp knife. This recipe makes about 30 swirls.
6. Place whirls on a greased baking tray, and brush with a little milk (optional) to glaze.
7. Place in the oven at gas mark 6 / 200 C for about 12-20 minutes.

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Create a 'Dove of Peace'

Instructions

You will need:

A4 white card (1 sheet),
A5 white paper (1 sheet),
scissors,
glue,
gold pen.



- Cut out the template of the dove (on slide 19) and draw on the wings, the eye and the beak with gold pen.
- Decorate your dove if you want to. You may want to write the word peace in other languages.
- Next, take a piece of paper and lie it flat in front of you. Fold over a piece about $\frac{1}{2}$ inch wide. Turn the paper over and fold again. Keep going until all the paper is folded.
- Cut a slit on the dotted line in the centre of the dove and slide the folded paper half way through. Fold the top edges of the folded paper up to join one another and glue together.
- Your dove can be hung if you punch a hole in the top and tie through a length of string.

Peace in other languages:

Paix - French

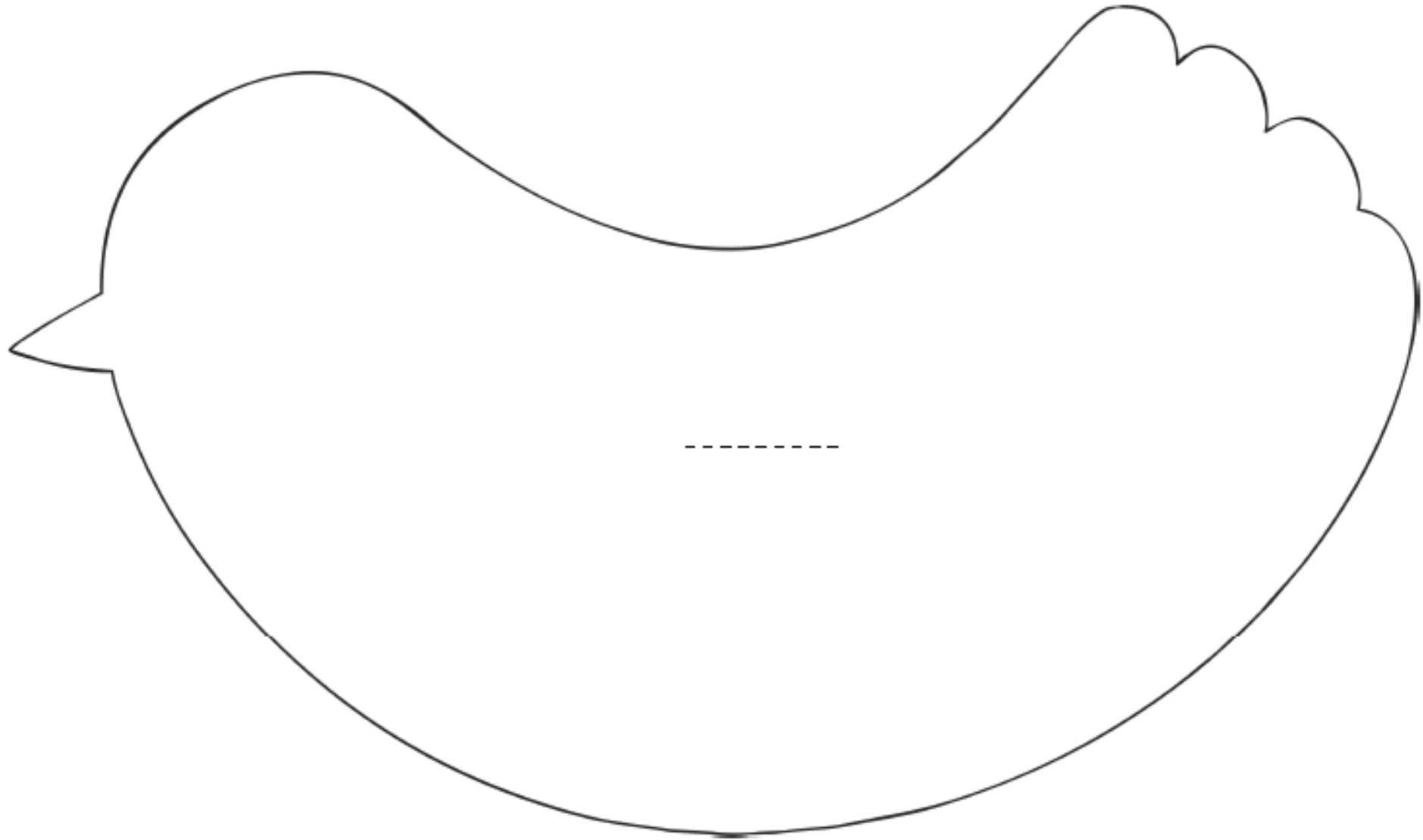
平和 - Heiwa - Japanese

Frieden - German

Paz - Spanish

Pokój - Polish

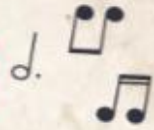
Salam - Arabic





1940s MUSIC AND DANCE

SING-ALONG



LAMBETH WALK

Any time you're Lambeth way
Any evening, any day.
You'll find us all,
Doing the Lambeth Walk - oi!

Every little Lambeth gal,
With her little Lambeth pal.
You'll find 'em all
Doin' the Lambeth Walk - oi!

Everything free and easy,
Do as you darn well pleasy.
Why don't you make your way there
Go there, stay there.

Once you get down Lambeth way,
Every evening, every day,
You'll find yourself
Doin' the Lambeth Walk - oi!

WHITE CLIFFS OF DOVER

There'll be bluebirds over,
The white cliffs of Dover,
Tomorrow, just you wait and see.

There'll be love and laughter,
And peace ever after,
Tomorrow when the world is free.

The shepherd will tend his sheep,
The valley will bloom again.
And Jimmy will go to sleep,
In his own little room again.

There'll be blue birds over,
The white cliffs of Dover,
Tomorrow, just you wait and see



Have a go at singing some 1940's songs.

Listen to them using the links below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S8tjWRWyISw>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WAaxkAgVkhQ>

VE Day Teacup Design

Victory in Europe (VE) Day took place on 8th May 1945. It marked the end of the Second World War in Europe.

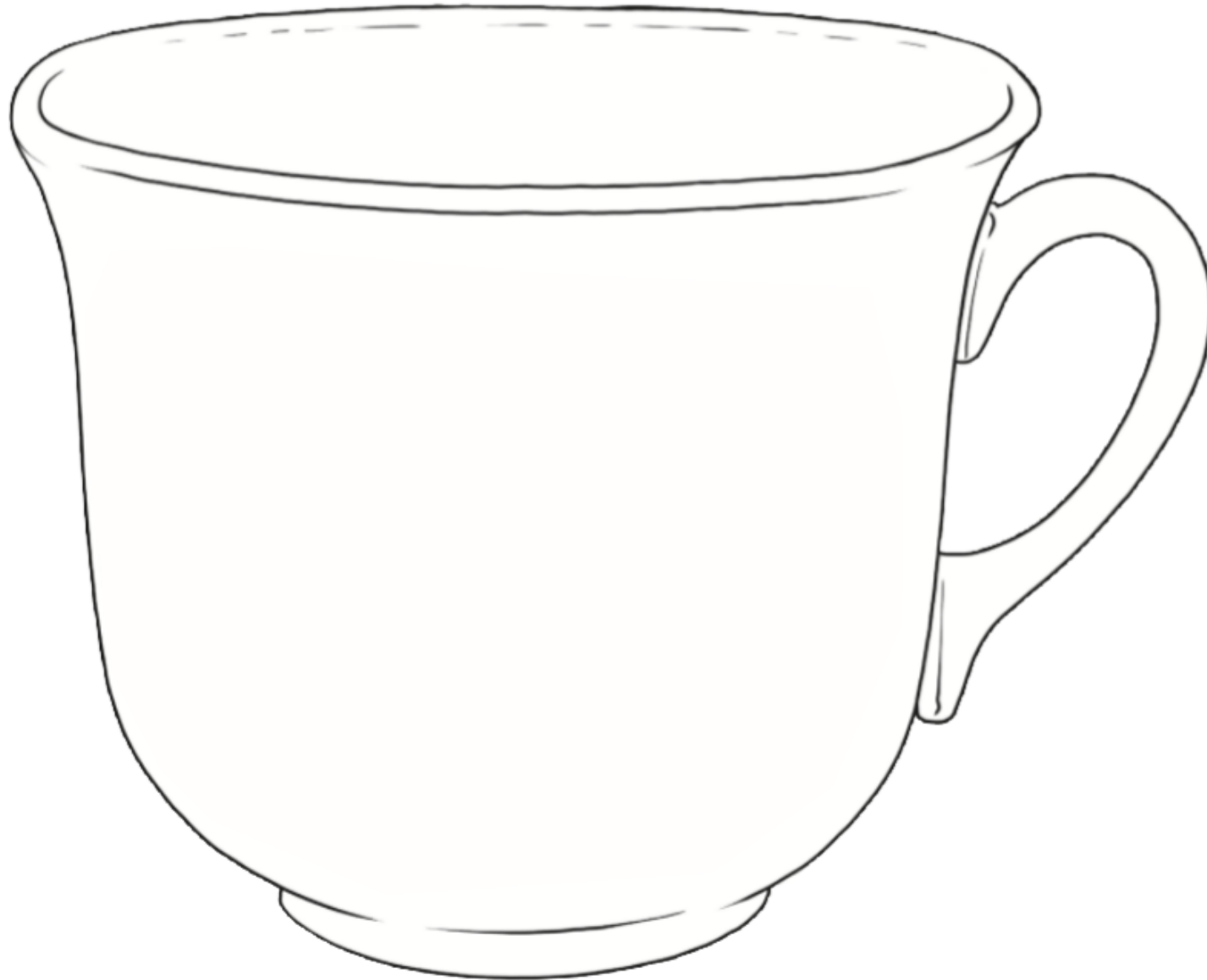
VE Day was commemorated in many ways, including the production of special cups.



- Do you recognise the people on the cup? Who are they?
- Why is there a flag on the cup?
- What do you think the slogan on the cup means?
- Why do you think commemorative cups like this were made?

VE Day Teacup Design

Design your own VE Day cup. Think about your design and make sure it is bright and eye-catching. You could include flags, important buildings or people who were involved in the Second World War.



VE Day Reflection

On the 75th anniversary of VE day, let us:

- Give thanks to the Second World War generation for protecting the freedoms, democracy and ways of life we enjoy today
- Remember the bravery, service and sacrifice of the British and Commonwealth Armed forces who fought in the war; those who lost their lives, those who were still trying get home, and those who didn't have a home to return to
- Remember those who contributed to the war effort, including emergency services, families and civilians

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?