

Week 3 - VE Day

In the video centre, the short BBC film explains what VE Day and VJ Day were, and the events that led to the end of the war.

An eye-witness called Alan, who was a child at the time, recalls seeing the celebrations in London as he went on his paper round, and his bittersweet reaction, having lost his mother during the war.

There are two other videos that show VE day 75 years ago in London, which might help to give you some insight as to what it might have been like on this day in 1945.

Activity 1:

Think about or discuss the 10 photographs of VE Day. Here are some questions to get you started:

What do you notice about the photographs?

Who is in the photographs?

How are they feeling?

Where do you think they are?

What are they doing?

What do you notice about their clothing? Are they dressed up?

Why aren't there many men in the photos?

Activity 2:

Watch some or all of the video clips and look through the PowerPoint.

Using the internet, the PowerPoint or any other sources available, find out and research more information about VE Day.

Create a poster or information page about VE Day.

This can be presented any way you would like, with any information you are able to find, or find interesting.

Activity 3:

Read the diary entry from someone who was there from the BBC archives:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/history/ww2peopleswar/stories/21/a1967321.shtml>

Write a 'Postcard from the Past.' Imagine you were at the first VE day and heard the news that the war had ended. What might you tell your family about what you heard? What you did? What you ate?

Draw a picture on the reverse showing what happened.