

History VE Day



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What is Happening Here?



Where?
London

When?
8th may 1945

Who?
Soldiers and
civilians, men
and women, old
and young

Why?
Celebrating...

The First VE Day

On 8th May 1945, the German Army officially surrendered to Allied forces. The war in Europe was over after six long and hard years.



The country celebrated like never before. Crowds of people gathered in the streets to celebrate with all-night parties and celebrations.

The First VE Day

Britain had been tested to the limit by the Second World War. It was the first **total war**, where civilians were targeted at home as much as soldiers on the battlefield, and every aspect of life in Britain was geared towards winning the war.



In 1940, there was a real possibility of Nazi Germany invading Britain, when she **stood alone** with the Empire against the might of the German Army. Over 67,000 civilians were **killed** during the war as well as 384,000 soldiers. Food, clothing, petrol and even soap were **rationed** and families were **separated** through evacuation, military service and war work.

VE Day Street Party



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There were celebrations all over the country and street parties were held in towns and villages throughout Britain. People danced with joy!





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