



# St. Antony's Catholic College

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## Year 8 History: VE Day

*Instructions for the week beginning Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2020*

### **Background:**

On 8 May 1945 the Germans surrendered to the Allied powers. War in Europe, which began in 1939, finally came to an end. This is known as Victory in Europe Day – or VE Day for short. 8 May 2020 marked the 75th Anniversary of VE Day, which is why it featured in the news so much last week.

### **Watch:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NEavcsrMoMw> - Churchill's famous statement about the end of the war in Europe

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GuhnGbkvu8o> - The BBC's announcement

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-CdpqhxD8> - The celebrations in London

### **Read:**

<https://www.historyextra.com/period/second-world-war/brief-guide-ve-day-victory-europe-ww2/>

### **Do:**

Using the information provided, answer the following questions:

1. What is VE day, and what events led to it?
2. What is the difference between VE Day and VJ Day?
3. What is the significance of VE Day?
4. How do the Germans commemorate VE Day?

### **Extension:**

There were no street parties to celebrate VE Day on 8 May last week – the corona virus lockdown saw to that. So, instead, design a **window poster** that reflects the joy and relief of VE Day.