

## VE Day activities

1. Watch the video (link below) to recap what VE Day is.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/history-ks2-ve-day/z7xtmfr>

2. Design a VE Day medal using the guides below to help you.

### Design a VE Day Medal

This medal celebrated the end of the First World War and was given to soldiers who had fought in active theatres of the war. It was a symbol of **great pride** but its design was also highly **symbolic**.



Bronze medal, not too expensive after the war, but long lasting.



**Your task is to create a medal for British soldiers who served in the Second World War that is just as symbolic and creative.**

Your medal can be any shape or size but you must have considered the metal and ribbon choices.

You must include:

- The years of the war (1939-45)
- The colours of the Allies
- A symbol to signify the war and the soldier's sacrifice and victory
- A reference to the many theatres of the fighting (Europe, Africa, Asia, Air, Sea, Land)
- Annotations to explain your choices

3. Crack the Morse Code. Using the key to help you, see if you can decode these messages.

## Morse Code

Morse code is a way to send messages without using words. The code has its own alphabet made up of short and long sounds or flashes of light. Use the Morse code alphabet to translate the messages below.

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G ---●	T -
H ●●●●	U ●●-
I ●●	V ●●●-
J ●-●-●-	W ●-●-
K -●-●	X -●●-
L ●-●●	Y -●-●-
M ---	Z ---●●

4. Host your own VE Day party! Bake some cakes, put on some 1940s music, make some decorations and enjoy the celebration!