

Answers

1. Who was the leader of the Allied Forces in 1945? Tick one.

- ☐ Adolf Hitler
- ☒ **Commander General Eisenhower**
- ☐ General Alfred Jodl
- ☐ Winston Churchill

2. Number the events below from 1-5 to show what order they appear in the text.
The first one has been done for you.

- 3** Around 20,000 people went to Buckingham Palace to catch a glimpse of the King.
- 1** The leader of the German army had died in April 1945.
- 4** The day Japan surrendered is marked by VJ Day.
- 2** Pub hours were extended and dance halls were open until midnight.
- 5** It is also a chance for us to celebrate the day that brought peace.

3. Who signed the surrender document?

The surrender document was signed by the leader of Germany's forces, General Alfred Jodl.

4. How many people went to Piccadilly Circus to celebrate?

About 50,000 people.

5. Read the section titled **What Happened on the First VE Day?**

Find and copy a word which means the same as 'partygoers'.

revellers

6. How do you think the people of New Zealand felt about waiting until 9th May to celebrate VE Day? Explain your answer using evidence from the text.

Pupils' own responses, such as: I think people in New Zealand would have felt frustrated having to go to work on 8th May because they knew the war was over but they couldn't celebrate along with the rest of the world.

7. Compare the celebrations of Winston Churchill and King George VI. How are they similar and how are they different? Explain your reasoning using evidence from the text.

Pupils' own responses, such as: Winston Churchill and King George both appeared on a balcony in front of cheering crowds but Winston Churchill also gave a speech and a radio announcement.

8. Explain why there were mixed emotions on VE Day.

Pupils' own responses, such as: There were mixed feelings because although it was a day to celebrate as it was the end of the fighting in Europe, lots of people had lost family and friends in the conflict. There was also still more fighting continuing in Japan, so the war was not completely over.

9. Why do you think it is important to celebrate VE Day? Explain your reasoning using evidence from the text.

Pupils' own responses, such as: I think it is important that we celebrate VE Day because we need to remember the sacrifices made by the people who fought in the war. We also need to remember the people who stayed at home and lost loved ones.