

Answers

1. Which of these countries was not part of the Allied Forces? Tick one.

- ☐ Britain
- ☐ Russia
- ☐ France
- ☒ **Germany**

2. What does the word **commemorate** mean? Tick one.

- ☐ forget
- ☒ **remember**
- ☐ understand
- ☐ discuss

3. Where was the headquarters of the Allied Forces?

Reims, France

4. What is a wireless?

An old-fashioned type of radio

5. Read the section called **Events Leading up to the First VE Day**.

Find and copy a phrase which shows that British people were looking forward to Germany's surrender.

eagerly anticipated

6. Explain why you think social norms were disregarded on the first VE Day

Pupils' own responses, such as: I think that social norms were disregarded because everybody was so happy and relieved the fighting had stopped. I think people felt united because everyone was celebrating together and lots of people were dressed in red, white and blue, like the British flag.

7. Why do you think people claimed VE Day was Winston Churchill's victory?

Explain your reasoning using evidence from the text.

Pupils' own responses, such as: I think that people felt it was Winston Churchill's victory because he was a really important part of the Allied Forces' war effort and the leader of Britain.

8. Name **two** ways the Royal Family participated in the celebration on the first VE Day.

Pupils' own responses, such as: King George VI and his daughters appeared on the balcony at Buckingham palace in front of cheering crowds and Queen Elizabeth (then Princess Elizabeth) mingled secretly with the crowds outside, listening to the cheers.

9. If you were a retired soldier attending a VE Day celebration, how do you think you might feel?

Pupils' own responses, such as: I think I would feel really proud on VE Day as everybody would be recognising everything my fellow soldiers and I had gone through. I'd also feel quite emotional as I would be remembering friends I had lost in the war.

10. Summarise how people have celebrated VE Day in recent years.

Pupils' own responses, such as: People have celebrated by hanging red, white and blue bunting (like the British flag), having parties and attending parades.