



Friday 8th May is the 75th anniversary of VE Day. Across the country, millions of people will be celebrating - possibly hosting an indoor 'street party'.

For English this week, I am going to allow you flexibility in your writing task. All writing tasks are linked to VE Day, so you are going to need to do some research about it first!

Below you can find some links that may be useful:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-48565417> <https://www.iwm.org.uk/history/what-you-need-to-know-about-ve-day> <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/48201749> <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/history-ks2-ve-day/z7xtmfr> <https://www.bbc.com/historyofthebbc/anniversaries/may/ve-day-broadcasts>

I am going to set three writing tasks linked to VE Day. You may choose to complete one, two or even all of the tasks!

- Choose one person from the street party (picture at the top) and write a diary entry about how they felt about the war ending.
- Research a WW2 veteran - a person who is an ex-member of the armed forces - and create a fact file about them. Include details of the force they worked in, where they were stationed, and in particular, any significant memories of VE Day they had. You might choose Captain Tom Moore to write about.
- Write a newspaper report covering the events of VE Day in 1945.

On this document, I have included a success criteria and the beginning of a WAGOLL for each of the writing genres.

Remember to plan your writing first. Take your time drafting, then editing and improving before writing your final draft.

I look forward to reading your work!

Diary Entry

Success Criteria

Have you included...	Yes/No
Written in the past tense	
Used personal pronouns (e.g. I, we, my)	
Used conjunctions to show time (e.g. after a while)	
Written in chronological order	
Used paragraphs to organise writing	
Written in an informal style	

WAGOLL

Dear Diary,

I can't quite believe it. I have to write it down, otherwise it won't seem real. Here it is. THE WAR IS OVER. That's right. It's over.

After living most of my childhood through fighting, rationing and loss... we're finally free. Yet for me, I don't know what 'free' feels like. To me, this is normal. How will I know what to do? How to feel?

This afternoon, our street is hosting a street party. The news through the grapevine is that the whole of London is joining in! Can you imagine? All those people, out in the street. Celebrating. Celebrating life and love and loss. This'll be a day to remember forever, I'm sure. One day, I'll be sharing the stories from this day with my own children, and even grandchildren. What a day to be alive!

Fact File

(If you choose to base your fact file on Captain Tom Moore, he is going to be telling the story of his wartime adventures on ITV on VE Day).

Success Criteria

Have you included...	Yes/No
Used organisational features (e.g. heading, subheadings)	
Used paragraphs to separate information	
Written in the present tense	
Used the third person (e.g. he, they)	
Included technical vocabulary linked to the subject	
Included factual information	
Written in a formal style	

WAGOLL

Captain Tom Moore

Captain Tom Moore is a 99-year-old army veteran, who served in India and Burma during World War 2. He is known worldwide for his current fundraising efforts - raising a staggering £29 million for NHS charities in the United Kingdom.

Personal Life

Mr Moore was born in Keighley, West Yorkshire on 30 April 1920. He was educated at Keighley Grammar School where he completed an apprenticeship in civil engineering. In 1968, he married his wife, Pamela, and had two daughters, Lucy and Hannah.

Military Career

At the beginning of World War 2, Moore enlisted in the 8th Battalion (Duke of Wellington's Regiment) and was stationed in Cornwall.

Newspaper Report

Success Criteria

Have you included...	Yes/No
A catchy headline	
An orientation to detail the main events	
An introductory paragraph containing the 5 W's	
Events that are written in chronological order	
Pictures with captions	
Written in the third person (e.g. he, they)	
Written in the past tense	
Written in a formal style, using formal language	
Used direct and reported speech	

WAGOLL

9th May, 1945

The Southern Herald

ONE PENNY

VICTORY IN EUROPE!

The streets of London were filled with merry revellers yesterday as the country celebrated Germany's official surrender and the end of the war!

Huge crowds flocked to the capital, with both Trafalgar Square and the Mall filling entirely with cheering people.

"It was like nothing I've ever seen before!" said Mr Edward Jones, a bank manager from Cheshunt, "I was here for the King's coronation and even that didn't feel as full as the Mall did today!"



Prime Minister Churchill waves at crowds in London yesterday, as a national holiday saw thousands flood the city to celebrate the end of the war.