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Explore

During the Second World War, food and clothing were hard to come by. As a result, they became rationed. Rationing was a way of controlling how much of these things each person could have so that it was fair for everyone.

This meant that people had to get creative in their cooking. Explore which foods were rationed and which foods weren't. Why were some foods rationed and not others?

Investigate

Over 30 countries were involved in the Second World War.

Some countries were either on the side of the Allies alongside Britain. Other countries fought with the Axis powers alongside Germany. Some countries were under Axis control or remained neutral and did not fight.

Using the Internet and books at home, investigate which countries were involved.

Write

On VE Day, people were happy that the war in Europe had ended but saddened by the thought of all those who had died.

Write a diary entry as a soldier or as a civilian from VE Day. You may want to write about:

- how you feel;
- who you see;
- what King George VI or Winston Churchill said in their speech;
- the parties you go to;
- what you will be doing tomorrow.

Remember to write in the first person and in the past tense.