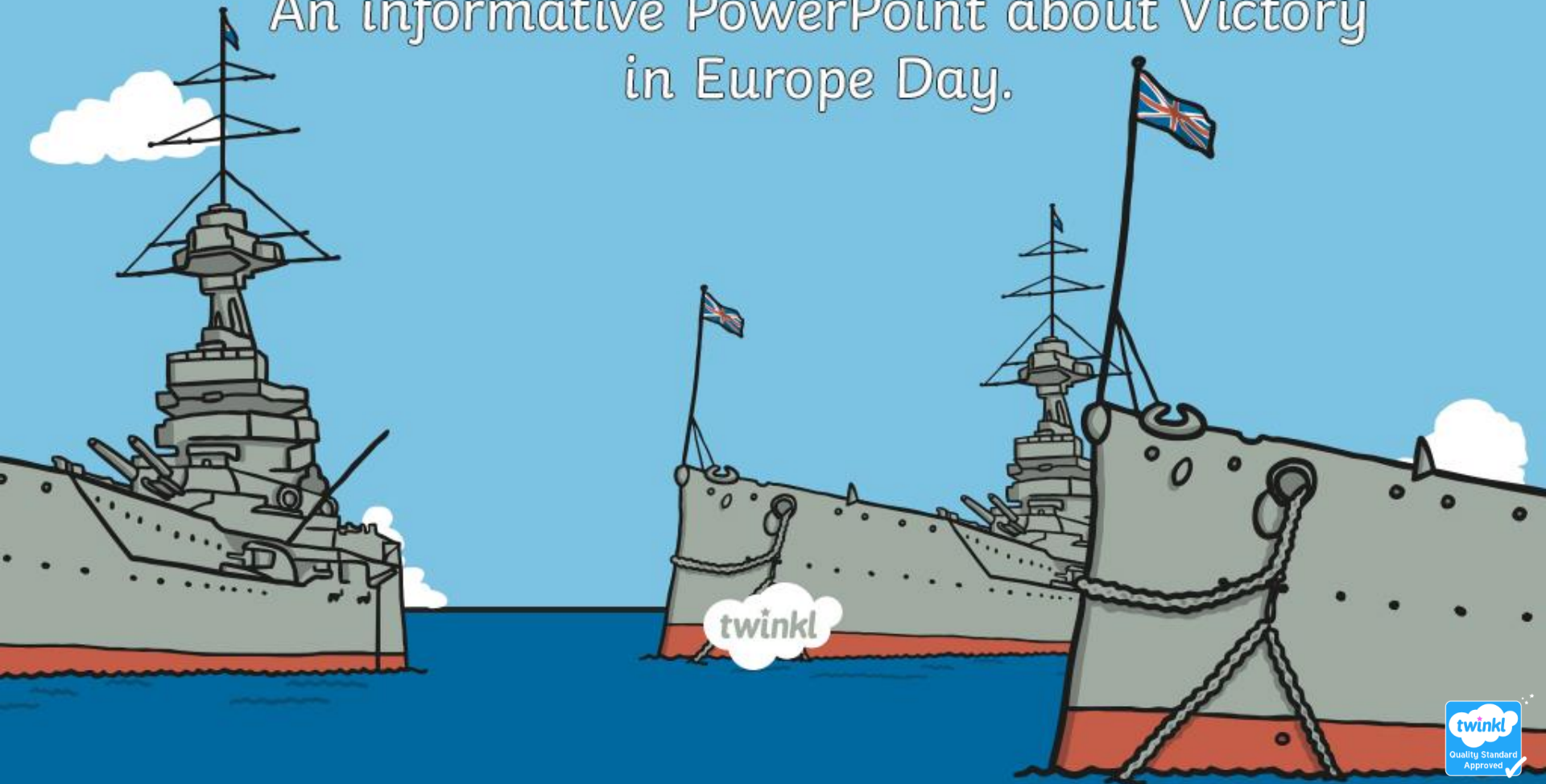


VE Day Victory

An informative PowerPoint about Victory
in Europe Day.



Victory in Europe



VE Day stands for 'Victory in Europe' Day. It took place on May 8th 1945. It was a special day because it marked the defeat of Germany and the end of the Second World War.

We've heard about the Second World War before, Giants! Remember when we had a war against Germany so we stopped buying teddies from Steiff?

VE Day was the end of six years of suffering, courage and hard times across the world.

Discuss It!

How do you think it felt when the war finally ended?

Time to Celebrate



- When they heard the war was over, people ran out on to the streets, hanging bunting and banners and dancing.

- Church bells rung across the country to share the news: there was finally peace in Europe!



- Everyone brought out food to share at street parties.

- They decided that May 8th was going to be a national day of celebration every year: Victory in Europe Day.



Time to Celebrate



- The capital city, London, was the best place to be on VE Day.
- Anyone who could get to London travelled there for the parties.
- The centre of London was full of people wearing red, white and blue, waving flags, dancing and singing.
- Fireworks filled the sky with flashes of light.

Try this!

Write a postcard to a missing family member telling them about your VE day celebrations. Draw a picture on the other side to show what you did and what you saw.

“The German war is therefore at an end.”



- On VE Day, everyone in London and at home sitting by their wireless sets (radios), wanted to hear just one man: Winston Churchill.
- Winston Churchill was the Prime Minister in 1945.
- At 3pm the Prime Minister broadcast to the nation: the war was over.

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- Crowds gathered in Trafalgar Square and up The Mall. These are places in London.
- They were waiting for Winston Churchill and King George VI to make an appearance on the balcony of Buckingham Palace.

Try this!

Make your own radio broadcast to announce Victory in Europe. You could even pretend to be Winston Churchill!

“This is your victory!”



- It was to be the first of eight appearances by the King and Queen on VE Day.

- Shortly after Churchill's speech, King George VI, Queen Elizabeth and the two princesses came out onto the balcony at Buckingham Palace.
- Churchill told the crowds: “This is your victory!”



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On what date was Victory in Europe Day?

May 7th 1945


May 8th 2015

May 8th 1945

May 8th 2005



Why did people wear red, white and blue?




They are the colours of the German flag.

That was all they could find.

They looked pretty.

They are the colours of the Union flag.



Who mingled secretly with the crowds on VE Day?

Princess Elizabeth and
Princess Margaret

Winston Churchill

King George VI

Neville Chamberlain



Why did people ring church bells?



For practice.

To spread the news and
celebrate.

Because they are
tuneful.

To tell the time.



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