



VE Day

"To those who gave so much, we thank you"

Friday 8th May 2020 marks 75 years since VE (Victory in Europe) Day, when the Second World War came to an end in Europe.

The May Bank Holiday had been moved to mark this 75th Anniversary and many celebrations had been planned, however, due to the present circumstances, many of these are now unable to happen. However, you might like to have your own celebrations at home. Below are some ideas and links to useful online resources.

Decorate your house – put a poster or VE Day bunting up in your window

75 Years bunting templates, recipes, colouring pictures and posters <https://ve-vjday75.gov.uk/toolkit/>

Dan Snow's VE Day Challenge

<https://ve-vjday75.gov.uk/dan-snows-ve-day-challenge/>

The challenge – entries to be submitted by 6th May (see link above)

Think about how you would tell the story of VE Day today. There are lots of ways you could bring the story of VE Day to life. You could:

- Write a short news report in the style of today or 75 years ago
- Make a short video that tells the story of VE Day, either in the style of 75 years ago/how you would tell it today
- Design a newspaper front page or article
- Write or perform a poem, song, drawing or other work of art
- Share the story of someone in your family or area who was involved in the War
- Write or perform a short play about VE Day and what it would have been like 75 years ago

Plan your own VE Day party

Possible 1940s menu and playlist!

<https://ve-vjday75.gov.uk/plan-your-ve-day-party/>

Recipes, music and dancing

<https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/siteassets/home/visit/ve-day-75/eh-ve-day-at-home-pack.pdf>

VE Day Resources at Home

Learn about VE Day, design a poster, menu, diary entry or thanksgiving note:

<https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/remembrance/remembrance-events/ve-day-75?seg=WPDW3B>

<https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/remembrance/teaching-remembrance>

Key Stage 2 VE Day Video Clip

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/history-ks2-ve-day/z7xtmfr>

Plus, lots of additional online resources to find out more about VE Day and the Second World War:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/ve-day-How-did-the-british-plan-to-celebrate/zndn7nb>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/48201749>

<https://www.discoveryeducation.co.uk/free-resources#sec-1274998>

<https://www.iwm.org.uk/history/what-you-need-to-know-about-ve-day>

<https://www.nam.ac.uk/explore/victory-europe>

Additional Activities


- **Find out about VE Day** – perhaps you could make a Fact File.
- **Create a VE Day Street Party Menu**
- **Find wartime recipes** – perhaps you could have a go at making something!
- **Write a VE Day Street Party diary entry**

- **Design a VE Day Medal:**

This medal celebrated the end of the First World War and was given to soldiers who had fought in active theatres of the war. It was a symbol of **great pride** but its design was also highly **symbolic**.



Bronze medal, not too expensive after the war, but long lasting.



Your task is to create a medal for British soldiers who served in the Second World War that is just as symbolic and creative.

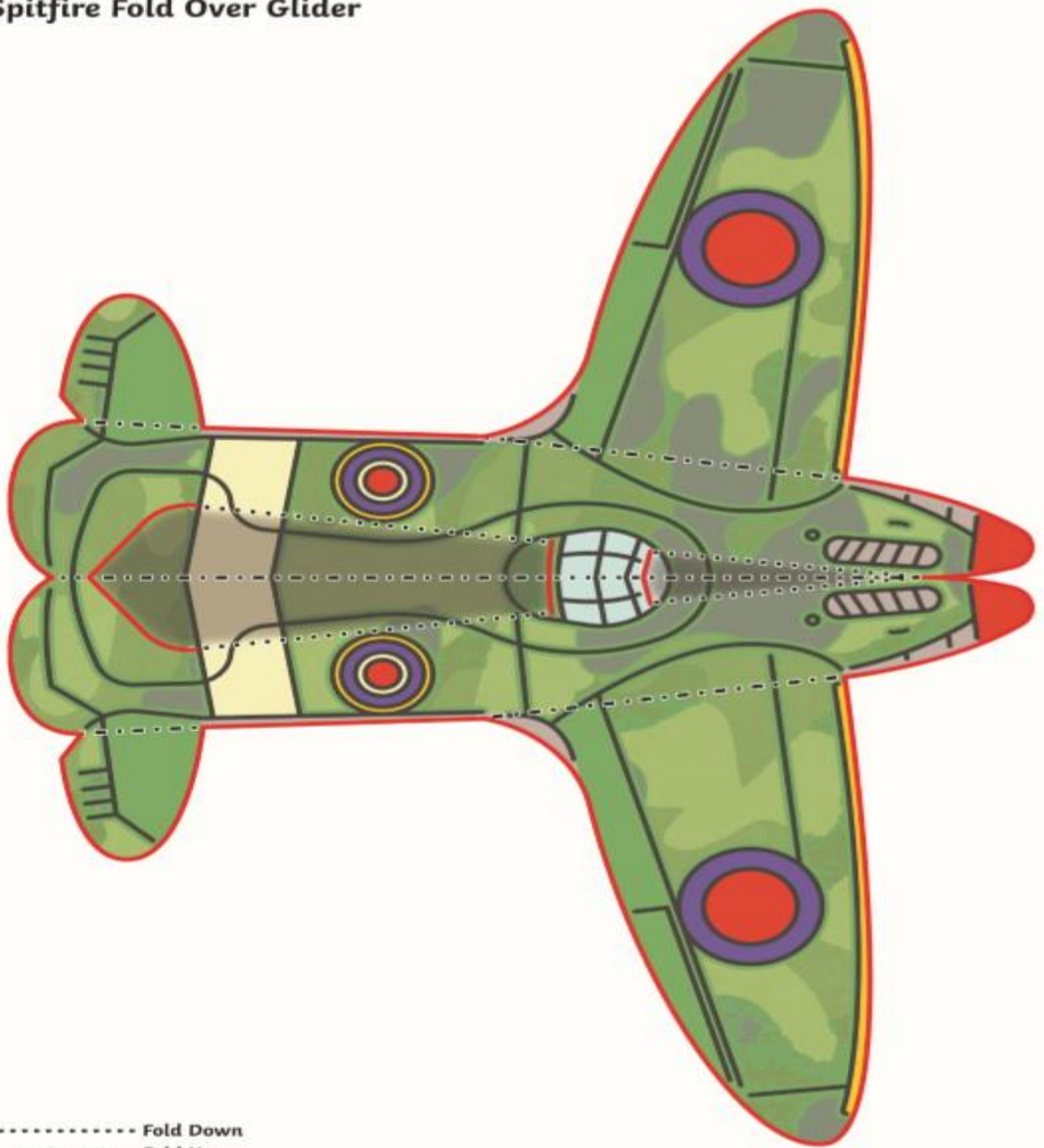
Your medal can be any shape or size but you must have considered the metal and ribbon choices.

You must include:

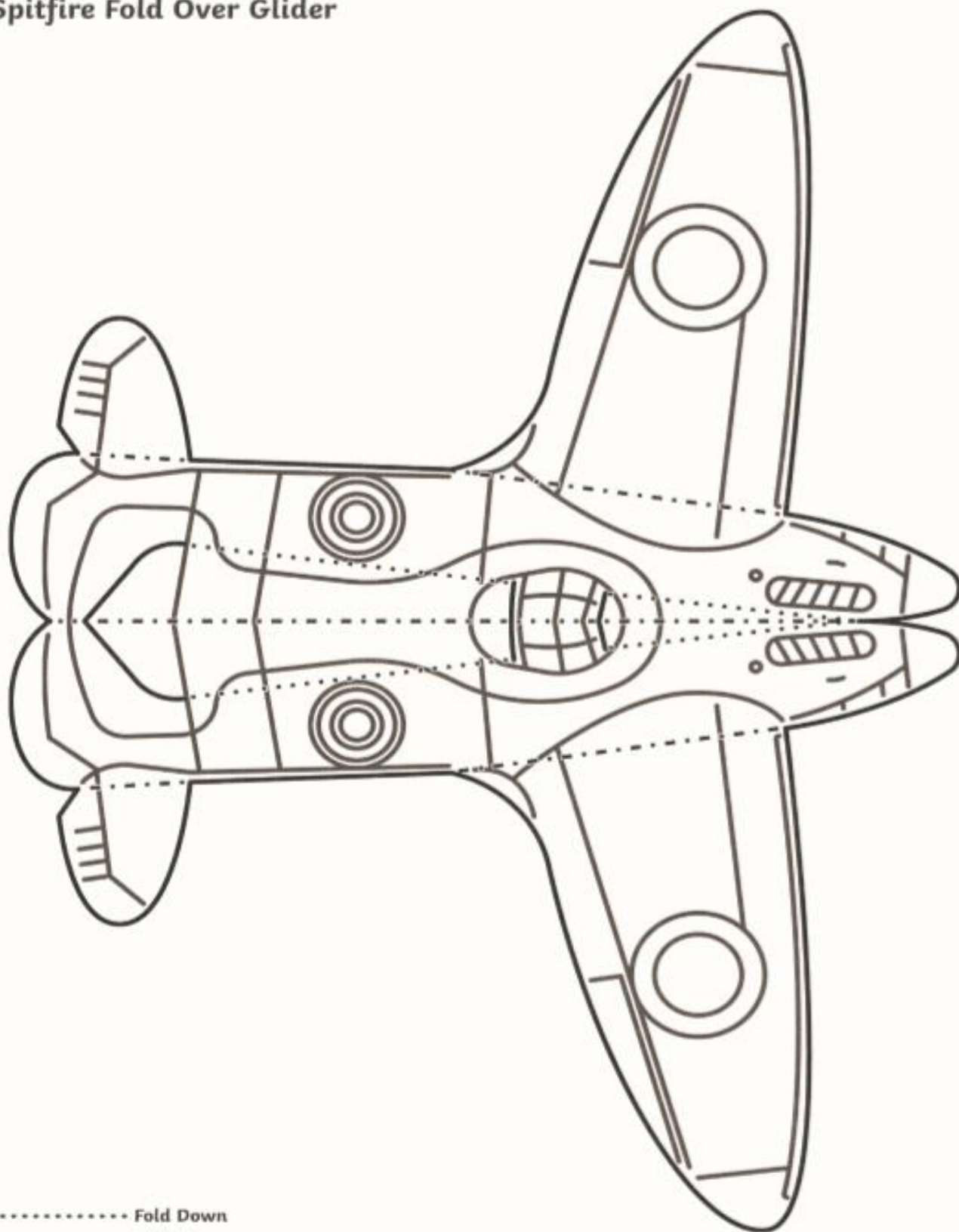
- The years of the war (1939-45)
- The colours of the Allies
- A symbol to signify the war and the soldier's sacrifice and victory
- A reference to the many theatres of the fighting (Europe, Africa, Asia, Air, Sea, Land)
- Annotations to explain your choices

- Make a Spitfire Glider

Spitfire Fold Over Glider



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- **Write or translate a message in Morse Code**

Morse code is a way to send messages without using words. The code has its own alphabet made up of short and long sounds or flashes of light. These are represented by the dots and dashes.

A ● —	N — ●
B — ● ● ●	O — — —
C — ● — ●	P ● — — ●
D — ● ●	Q — — ● —
E ●	R ● — ●
F ● ● — ●	S ● ● ●
G — — ●	T —
H ● ● ● ●	U ● ● —
I ● ●	V ● ● ● —
J ● — — —	W ● — —
K — ● —	X — ● ● —
L ● — ● ●	Y — ● — —
M — —	Z — — ● ●

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- Make VE Day celebration bunting



75 years VE Day bunting template: <https://ve-vjday75.gov.uk/toolkit/>

