

Educational Resources

Canadian Military History  
Grade 4 and up



## VE-Day

Read the [VE-Day](https://valourcanada.ca/military-history-library/ve-day/) article (<https://valourcanada.ca/military-history-library/ve-day/>) on Valour Canada's online military history library and answer the following:

### For young learners (Grades 4 to 7)

1. The "VE" in VE-Day stands for what? When did VE-Day occur and why did it not mark the end of the Second World War?
2. Suggest three reasons why people were happy that the war in Europe had finished.
3. Sketch a timeline from VE-Day to the official end of the Second World War. What other important events happened from May to September 1945?

### For advanced learners (Grade 8 and up)

4. Research VE-Day parades in Canada and newspaper articles that documented the end of the war. Do you consider this a day of celebration or remembrance? Why?
5. Research the similarities and differences between VE-Day and VJ-Day (Victory over Japan). Create a diagram or chart to organize your thoughts.
6. Imagine you are either i) a soldier, ii) a nurse, or iii) a civilian and write a diary entry about either VE-Day or VJ-Day. Include how you would have felt, how those around you expressed their feelings, as well as your thoughts on the war and the coming post-war world.