

What's happening in the news this week?



Let's have a look at this week's poster!

3rd - 9th June 2024



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**Can remembering difficult times
help shape a better future?**

This week's story looks at events related to ...



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Learn more about this week's story [here](#).
Watch this week's useful video [here](#).



Questions

Think about this week's story and share what you can see in the poster image. It shows a view of the 'Standing with Giants' silhouettes, which is an installation at the British Normandy Memorial in France as part of the 80th anniversary of D-Day. The 1,475 statues honour each of the servicemen, who fell on D-Day itself. Are you aware of any events commemorating the 80th anniversary of D-Day? Consider any different ways key events and anniversaries such as this can be recognised.



Picture: World War II veteran, Henry Rice.
Source: The Royal Society of Saint George.

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Vital statistics

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On D-Day itself, sea landings began at 6.30am local time, and targeted five beaches. They were code-named Omaha, Utah, Gold, Sword, and Juno. The operation also included actions inland, such as parachute landings on strategic sites. Approximately 11,000 Allied aircraft, 7,000 sea vessels, and thousands of other vehicles were involved. Try to imagine how it felt to be involved in the huge operations as part of D-Day.





What others think

Read through and share your responses to the two quotes below.

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Further questions for discussion



- > How familiar are you with the two World Wars? Do you agree with WWII veteran, Henry Rice, that today's children may not be taught enough about the World Wars to understand the sacrifices made?
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Reflection



Events like D-Day have shaped history. Learning from the past and remembering the sacrifices others have made is a powerful way to create a better future and recognise all that we have now.

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Mutual Respect and Tolerance

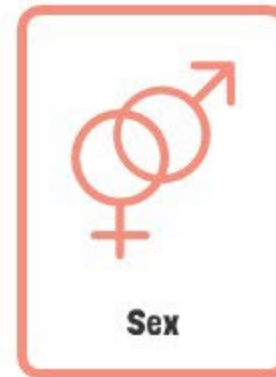
Life is not the same for everyone. Learning about times in the past that others have experienced can help us develop empathy and respect.

Protected Characteristics



The events and experiences in our lives and the lives of others (including those beyond living memory) can shape our beliefs.

We should never be treated unfairly because of our beliefs.





UN Rights of the Child



D-Day happened 80 years ago and was a turning point in World War II. Wars still happen in today's world. We have the right to be protected during war. No child under 15 can join the army or take part in war.



LET'S DISCUSS



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This week's news story

www.bbc.com/news/articles/clkeexv8j8o

This week's useful video

https://youtu.be/To5qWPMj_NA?si=umcKX1vgEqDD-6_Q

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