

# 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**.

A rainbow symbolises the calm after the storm.

The years of the First World War – 1914-18



The colours are the combined colours of the Allied nations with red at the centre.

Winged figure is 'Victory'.

We give medals for all sorts of things. Can you talk to your adults and come up with a list of all the things we give medals for. Have a go at writing and drawing these in your exercise books. For example, we give medals for sports events; gold for first place, silver for second place and bronze for third place. It is interesting the medal you see in the picture was made out of bronze, not because anyone came third place. It was because bronze was a cheap material and it would last a long time.

Today, we can think of so many heroes. Whether they are people who went to war to keep our country safe or every day people doing very special things. Design some medals to celebrate the heroes that you know about. You can draw your own medals or use the templates below.

