

Home learning Summer Term Week 3 Year 5

Writing

Below are three writing activities for you to do this week. Make sure you write at least a page for each piece.



This week marks the 75th anniversary of Victory Europe Day (VE Day). VE day took place on Tuesday, May 8, 1945 and was the day when allied forces celebrated the surrender of Germany in Europe during World War 2.

You may have seen Captain Tom Moore in the news lately. He has raised £29 million for the NHS by doing a sponsored walk in his own garden and broken 2 world records in the process!

As well as being a hero for his charity work, Captain Tom is also a veteran of WW2 meaning he fought for Britain in the war against Adolf Hitler.

To mark the 75th anniversary of VE Day write the reasons you feel it is important that we remember the events that took place during WW2 and those who fought so bravely during the time.



At the start of the year we read Walter Tull's scrapbook. This was a scrapbook about the life of a man called Walter Tull. Walter lived an incredible life and achieved great things as a professional footballer and then a soldier during World War 1 despite his tough start as a child.

Activity 1

Write an acrostic poem using the word 'remember'.

Write from the point of view of a soldier in the trenches.





Example

Roars and screams of angry artillery fill my dreams.

Every day the same as every endless night. Bangs, flashes and fear flood the air around me.

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Activity 2

Use your prior knowledge to write a biography about Walter Tull.

Include the major events that occurred during his life.

Remember, biographies should be formal and written in the 3rd person.

Use paragraphs to order your work.

Walter was born in 1888, in Folkestone, Kent. His father was born in Barbados and his mother was born in England. When Walter was 7 years old, his mother died. Then, just two years later, his father died. He and his brother, Edward, had to go to a Children's Home in London.



This is a photograph of the Children's Home. It was in Bethnal Green, East London.



Walter started playing for the best amateur football team in London, Clapton F.C. A lot of people spotted his talent and in 1909, he was asked to play professionally for Tottenham Hotspur. He was the second black player to have ever played professional football in Britain.



As soon as the war was declared, Walter joined the Army. In November 1914, he was sent to France and took part in his first battles. Walter showed courage as a soldier and the other soldiers respected him. In 1916 he was sent back to Britain to be trained as an officer (someone who leads soldiers). Walter became Britain's first black British Army officer to lead white British soldiers into battle.

Example

Paragraph 1: Introduction (Who is the biography about)

Walter Daniel John Tull was an English professional footballer and officer in the British army. Despite having a difficult and traumatic childhood, Tull was able to overcome many obstacles to achieve great things during his life. As well as playing football professionally, Walter forged a successful army career for himself and was nominated for a military cross. Despite being killed in action, Walter Tull left a lasting legacy that is still remembered and celebrated today.

Paragraph 2: Early life (Walter's childhood)

Walter Tull was born on _____ in _____. Tull had a traumatic childhood with his mother passing away when he was just _____ and _____. Walter and his brother Edward were sent to live in _____. It was here that the young Walter began playing sports such as cricket and _____.

Paragraph 3: Football career (Which teams did Walter play for? Where did he visit?)

Paragraph 4: Called up to the army (Why did Tull get called up to the army? What did he experience as a soldier?)

Paragraph 5: Trained as an officer (Why was Walter selected for officer training? What was special about this?)

Paragraph 6: Death (When and how did Walter Tull die? What is his legacy?)

Activity 3

Write a diary entry from Walter Tull during his time as a soldier on the front line.

You should include Tull's thoughts and opinions, things that he has seen and his experiences so far.

Remember to use

- informal language
- first person
- past tense

Example:

Dear diary,

I am exhausted. This is a terrible war but we must fight on! Every morning I am woken from my disturbed sleep by explosions from the trenches outside. We are all cold and tired and morale is running low. I have tried to cheer up my friends by singing songs and offering them some of my food but life is tough. Just yesterday I saw my good friend Sam killed right before my eyes.

I am feeling _____ and _____. I wish that _____.

Last week I was given some good advice by _____. He told me that "_____."

The things I miss most about back home is _____ and _____.

Once this war is over I am most looking forward to _____.