

YouGov / Daily Telegraph Survey on military history

YouGov questioned 3717 adults aged 18+ throughout Britain online between 28th - 30th June 2005.

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Total	Gender		Age			Social Grade	
	Male	Female	18 to 34	35 to 54	55 +	ABC1	C2DE
3717	1784	1933	1115	1283	1320	2007	1710
3717	1863	1854	949	1262	1506	2298	1419
%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

As you probably know, this year sees a number of important anniversaries in British history, notably the 60th anniversaries of V-E Day and V-J Day and the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar.

How important do you think it is that schoolchildren in Britain should be taught about the kinds of events that these anniversaries commemorate?

Very important	64	64	65	57	62	72	65	64
Fairly important	29	29	29	34	32	22	28	30
Not very important	5	5	4	5	4	4	5	4
Not at all important	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Don't know	1	1	2	3	1	0	1	2

How do you feel about the way in which the government is organising the commemoration of these three events in particular? In connection with V-E Day, do you think the commemoration was on too large a scale, too small a scale or on about the right scale?

Too large	4	4	4	3	3	6	4	4
Too small	29	32	26	28	33	26	31	27
About right	47	47	47	39	45	56	46	48
Don't know	20	17	22	30	20	11	19	21

In connection with V-J Day, do you think the commemoration will be...

Too large	4	4	3	4	2	5	4	4
Too small	30	34	26	28	33	29	33	27
About right	37	36	38	29	36	45	35	39
Don't know	29	26	33	40	29	21	28	31

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In connection with the Battle of Trafalgar, do you think the commemoration events are proving...

Too large	12	14	10	10	12	15	13	12
Too small	17	20	13	17	20	13	17	17
About right	53	53	53	43	51	63	56	50
Don't know	18	12	23	29	17	9	15	21

(Remaining questions are general knowledge. Correct answers are shown in **bold**)

Staying with the Battle of Trafalgar for a moment, do you happen to remember the name of the victorious British admiral?

Lord Nelson	90	94	86	82	91	95	92	88
Duke of Wellington	2	1	3	3	3	1	2	3
Lord Collingwood	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1
Lord Beattie	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Lord Jellicoe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lord Cunningham	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Don't know	7	4	10	14	5	3	6	9

And do you happen to remember during which war the Battle of Trafalgar was fought?

Napoleonic Wars	77	84	70	66	77	85	81	71
War of the Spanish Succession	3	3	3	2	4	3	2	4
First World War	1	1	2	3	1	1	1	2
Seven Years' War	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
French and Indian War	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
War of the Austrian Succession	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Don't know	18	11	24	28	18	10	14	22

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The battle was fought in the sea near a place called Cape Trafalgar. Do you happen to know where Cape Trafalgar is located?

On the Atlantic coast of Spain	35	43	27	24	35	44	38	31
In the Bay of Biscay	9	11	8	10	9	8	9	9
On the Atlantic coast of Portugal	9	11	7	6	8	12	10	7
In the eastern Mediterranean	4	4	4	4	3	5	4	4
In Cornwall	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	2
On the west coast of Ireland	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0
Don't know	41	29	52	53	42	30	37	46

V-E Day marks the surrender of Nazi Germany and the end of the Second World War in Europe. Which of the following was the supreme commander of the Western Allies' forces in Europe when Germany surrendered?

General Eisenhower	37	54	22	21	35	54	43	31
Winston Churchill	19	13	23	26	20	11	16	22
General Montgomery	18	15	21	14	19	20	18	19
General Patton	3	4	2	4	4	2	4	3
Franklin D. Roosevelt	2	2	2	3	2	1	1	2
General Bradley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Don't know	21	12	29	33	20	11	18	23

Which of the following countries remained neutral throughout the Second World War and did NOT fight on the British side against Nazi Germany? [Tick all that apply]

Spain	38	53	24	25	35	51	41	34
Portugal	35	48	23	23	31	49	38	32
Norway	22	22	22	22	22	22	23	21
Denmark	19	18	20	18	17	22	20	18
The Netherlands	16	14	18	19	15	14	14	18
France	4	2	5	6	4	3	3	5
Don't know	29	18	40	41	30	18	26	33

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A major event towards the end of the European war was the capture of Berlin. Which allied army or armies succeeded in capturing Berlin?

The Russian Army (the Red Army)	41	58	26	35	42	46	46	36
The combined armies of all the major allies	18	20	17	13	19	22	19	18
The British and US armies together	12	9	15	9	12	15	10	14
The British Army	3	2	4	4	3	3	3	4
The US Army	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
The Free French Army	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Don't know	23	11	34	37	22	12	21	26

V-J Day, which comes in August, marks the surrender of Japan and the end of the Second World War in the Pacific. Which of the following is generally thought to have led directly to Japan's surrender?

The dropping by American warplanes of atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki	77	88	67	62	80	87	80	74
US bombing of Tokyo and other large Japanese cities	2	2	2	3	2	1	2	2
The capture by US forces of Iwo Jima and Okinawa	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Britain's success in driving back Japanese forces in Burma	1	0	2	1	1	2	1	2
The American Navy's virtually total destruction of the Japanese Navy	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1
Japan's increasingly severe oil shortage	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Don't know	17	8	26	31	15	8	15	20

Japan scored substantial initial successes at the beginning of the Pacific war. Which of the following is generally thought to have been the most serious defeat inflicted on Britain's armed forces in the Far East?

Japan's capture of Singapore	42	57	28	18	42	62	47	37
The building of the Burma railway	6	4	7	4	6	7	6	6
Japan's capture of Indo-China	4	5	3	4	5	4	4	4
The loss of Britain's concession in Shanghai	2	2	2	3	1	1	1	2
The loss of India	2	2	2	3	2	1	2	2
The 'black hole of Calcutta'	1	0	2	1	1	1	1	1
Don't know	43	30	56	67	42	25	40	48

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Before Japan surrendered and while the Pacific war was still going on, a general election was held in Britain. As a result of that election, who became Prime Minister?

Clement Attlee	31	43	20	22	28	42	36	26
Winston Churchill	27	23	30	26	25	30	25	29
Sir Anthony Eden	7	8	7	5	10	6	7	8
Ernest Bevin	2	3	1	1	2	3	2	2
R.A. ('Rab') Butler	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1
Sir Stafford Cripps	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Don't know	32	22	40	46	34	17	29	35