

Ellie's Home Front History Challenge

Learning objective: To identify and describe key features of life on the Home Front in Britain during World War II.

Ellie the elephant has been visiting a local museum to learn about the Home Front. Help her sort these historical items and actions into two groups: 'The Dig for Victory Campaign' and 'Life in the Air Raid Shelter'. Write each item from the word bank into the correct category below.

Word bank: Growing potatoes · Carrying a gas mask · Listening to the radio · Keeping chickens · Blacking out windows · Planting carrots

1. Which three items from the word bank belong to the 'Dig for Victory' campaign? Explain why people did this. (2 marks)

2. Which three items from the word bank belong to 'Life in the Air Raid Shelter'? Explain why these actions were necessary for safety. (2 marks)

3. During the war, food was rationed. If a ration book allowed a family to buy 100g of sugar for 5p, how much would 500g cost? (1 mark)

4. Why was it important for children to carry their gas masks with them at all times? (2 marks)

5. Imagine you are living in 1941. Write one sentence about how your daily life would be different compared to today. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a picture of a 'Dig for Victory' vegetable patch in a back garden, including at least three different types of vegetables being grown.



Extension challenge: Research why the government introduced 'blackout' curtains and explain how they helped protect towns at night.