

HISTORY

The great 'NO' of 28 October

History · 4 · ⌚ 29 min



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Imagine someone asks you to hand over your home. What would you answer? In 1940 Greece answered with one word: 'NO'.

 What I will be able to do

- ★ I explain why we celebrate 28 October.
- ★ I describe how soldiers, women and children helped.

 Key words
Ultimatum

A demand with a threat: 'accept or war'.

Pindus

The high mountains where the Greek army fought.

Women of Pindus

They carried food and supplies up the mountains.

Parade

The day of remembrance when pupils march with flags.

 Warm-up

Write one word that comes to mind when you hear '28 October'.

1. Write one word that comes to mind when you hear '28 October'.

Answer: E.g. parade, flag, courage, freedom.

1 Choose

⌚ 3 min

Circle: What did Italy's ultimatum demand on 28 October 1940?

- ☐ To let a foreign army pass freely into Greece.
- ☐ To hold a football match.
- ☐ To close schools for a holiday.

👉 **Help:** Reread the key words.

★ **Challenge:** Explain your answer with 'because'.

Answer: To let a foreign army pass freely into Greece.

2 Connect

⌚ 5 min

Join each word to its explanation.

Ultimatum



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Pindus



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Women of Pindus



The day of remembrance when pupils march with flags.

Parade



A demand with a threat: 'accept or war'.

👉 **Help:** Start with the word you know best.

★ **Challenge:** Write a sentence using two of the words.

Answer: See the correct pairs in the teacher edition.

Answer: Ultimatum → A demand with a threat: 'accept or war'. · Pindus → The high mountains where the Greek army fought. · Women of Pindus → They carried food and supplies up the mountains. · Parade → The day of remembrance when pupils march with flags.

3 Find the mistake

🕒 5 min

Correct: 'Greece accepted the ultimatum and did not fight'.

👉 **Help:** Look again at the picture and timeline.

★ **Challenge:** Add one detail you remember.

Answer: Greece answered 'NO' and defended itself bravely in the Pindus mountains.

4 Complete the table

🕒 7 min

Write how each person helped.

✏️ **Example:** Soldiers · fought in the cold · courage

Who?	How did they help?	Which value does it show?

👉 **Help:** Use the key words.

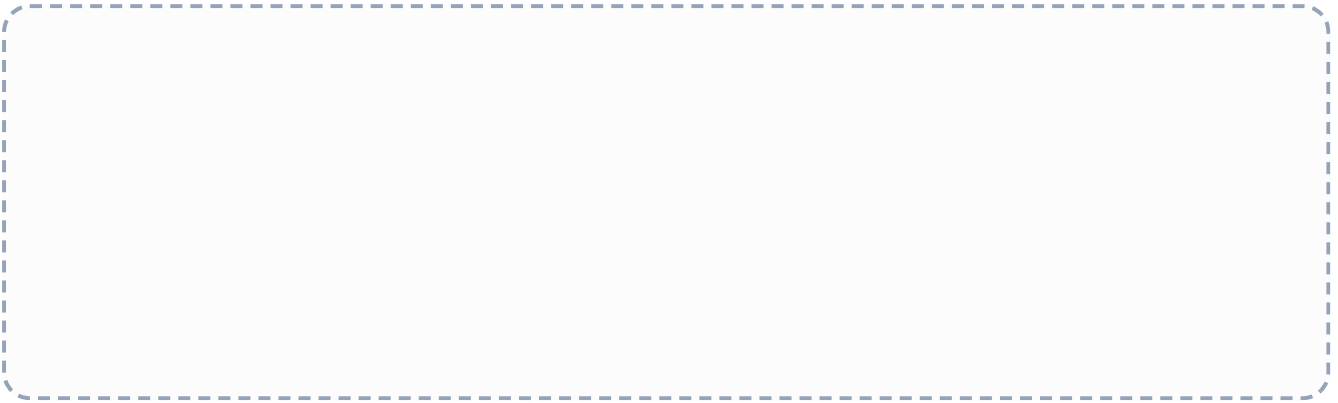
★ **Challenge:** Which value matters most to you today?

Answer: Women of Pindus · carried supplies · solidarity · Children/families · knitted socks, sent letters · love/unity.

5 Create

🕒 7 min

Design a 'medal of courage' for the heroes of 1940. Write one value word on it.



👉 **Help:** Start with a shape and one word.

★ **Challenge:** Write on the back why you chose it.

Answer: Accept any value with a reason: courage, unity, freedom, solidarity.

✓ Check before you hand in

☐ I connected all four words.

☐ I explained at least one value.

🎫 Exit ticket

Why do we say 'NO' was a word of courage?

Answer: Because the people chose to defend their freedom although the enemy was stronger.

Teacher notes

Timing: 3' warm-up · 24' tasks · 2' exit

Differentiation

- Read instructions aloud and accept oral answers.
- Year 2: handwriting bands. Years 4–6: ask for reasons.

Common errors

- Mixing up dates; show the timeline again.

Marking tips

- Praise reasoning and links to values.