



# REMEMBERING SREBRENICA

## Srebrenica Memorial Day 2019 – Primary Assembly

Srebrenica Memorial Day is marked on the 11<sup>th</sup> July each year. This day marks the anniversary of the Srebrenica genocide in which 8372 Muslim men and boys were killed because of their religion. Remembering Srebrenica works to raise awareness of the Srebrenica genocide and encourage young people to learn the importance of standing up to hatred and intolerance to create a more cohesive community.

To mark the 24<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the genocide, we invite Primary Schools to deliver this assembly to discuss difference. Based on the story *Gleam and Glow*, the assembly tells the story of a Bosnian child who is forced to leave their home during the Bosnian conflict. It uses this story to discuss difference in our own communities and the importance of remembering that we have more in common than divides us.

*Synopsis of Gleam and Glow by Eve Bunting used with kind permission from Houghton Mifflin and Harcourt Publishing Company.*

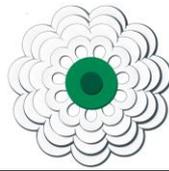
### SMSC Objectives ([School Inspection Handbook from September 2015](#))

- understanding and appreciation of the **range of different cultures within school and further afield** as an essential element of their preparation for life in modern Britain
- interest in **exploring, improving understanding of and showing respect for different faiths and cultural diversity** and the extent to which they **understand, accept, respect and celebrate diversity, as shown by their tolerance and attitudes** towards different religious, ethnic and socio-economic groups in the local, national and global communities.

### Resources

- *Gleam and Glow* by Eve Bunting or synopsis below
- Online Spot the Difference – for example <https://www.tescoliving.com/articles/10-free-printable-puzzles-for-kids>

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| <b><u>Starter</u></b> | Today we are going to be talking about difference. What does it mean if something is 'different'?<br><i>Take a couple of answers to agree on a definition.</i><br>Do you think being different is a bad thing?<br><i>Take a couple of answers and reasons.</i><br><i>Use a free spot the difference online such as <a href="https://www.tescoliving.com/articles/10-free-printable-puzzles-for-kids">https://www.tescoliving.com/articles/10-free-printable-puzzles-for-kids</a></i><br>We are going to have a game of spot the difference, look at the pictures, what differences can you find?<br><i>Take some answers and reveal the differences</i><br>Turn to the person sat next to you, I would like you to find one thing that you have in common (the same) and one thing that is different?<br><i>Share a couple of examples children have found.</i> |
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| <b>Story</b>      | <p>I am going to read you a story about a family in a county called Bosnia-Herzegovina. The story happened about 20 years ago, a time your parents and teachers will remember. Bosnia was involved in a war which was started when the people of the country focused on their differences and not on the things they have in common.</p> <p><i>Read the story of Gleam and Glow or retell using below synopsis</i></p> <p><i>I would like to tell you the story of boy called Viktor and his family.</i></p> <p><i>One day Viktor's papa had to leave to fight for his country. Papa tried to explain to his children why he had to leave to join the fight. "We're different from them, they think this is their country and they don't want us living here. I will fight to try and stop them from pushing us out of our own land"</i></p> <p><i>The fighting was getting closer to Viktor's house, they could hear gunshots, and homes were being burnt to the ground. Many people walked though their village trying to leave the country in order to be safe.</i></p> <p><i>A man with two live goldfish arrived at their house one day. "I can't carry them any further" he said "Will you keep them?" The children called them Gleam and Glow and they kept the fish until it was time for them to leave their house too. Viktor released the fish into their pond and the family locked up their house and left.</i></p> <p><i>They walked and walked with many other people trying to escape before the fighting came to their village. It was a very long and tiring journey but finally, they made it to safety. The family stayed together in a refugee camp, until one day, Viktor's father arrived. The family were overjoyed to be together again but it still wasn't safe for them to go home.</i></p> <p><i>Finally, it was safe to leave the camp and the family walked all the way back to their house. When they arrived, the house had been burnt down but in the pond were countless gold fish. Gleam and Glow and their many children.</i></p> |
| <b>Conclusion</b> | <p>This week is Srebrenica memorial week. 24 years ago, many people were forced to leave their homes in Bosnia-Herzegovina, just like Viktor. Over 8000 people were killed in Bosnia because they practiced a different religion.</p> <p>Look around the room. We all have things in common, we live in [insert town], we go to school at [insert name of school]. But we are all different.</p> <p>Raise your hand if you like: Pizza, sprouts, Justin Bieber, football etc.</p> <p>Our differences make us unique and special and adds to our diverse and interesting culture! But with this diversity comes a need to respect difference.</p> <p>So this week, I would like you to talk to each other, find out what you have in common and where you differ. Together we can celebrate our beautifully diverse culture.</p>   |