

'All Change' Lesson 7: The Garden Goes Public



Curriculum focus – Art and Design and Literacy – a diary account

Look at and discuss the paintings with the class using the Teacher's Notes. The first use of the palace garden for a public event was for the presentation of the Crimea Medal to returning veterans. The sunny afternoon in such idyllic surroundings offered a great contrast to the terrible scenes they would have witnessed in battle.

Writing Activity

What if you were one of the soldiers who had returned from the Crimea and had been invited to Buckingham Palace to receive a medal? Write a diary account of your experience. Try to capture all the mixed emotions that you might have felt.

Art and Design Activity

Who, in your school, home or community, do you think deserves to be awarded with a medal? For kindness? Bravery? Courage? Patience? Education?

Design a medal for them. You could then award them in a special ceremony at school.

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