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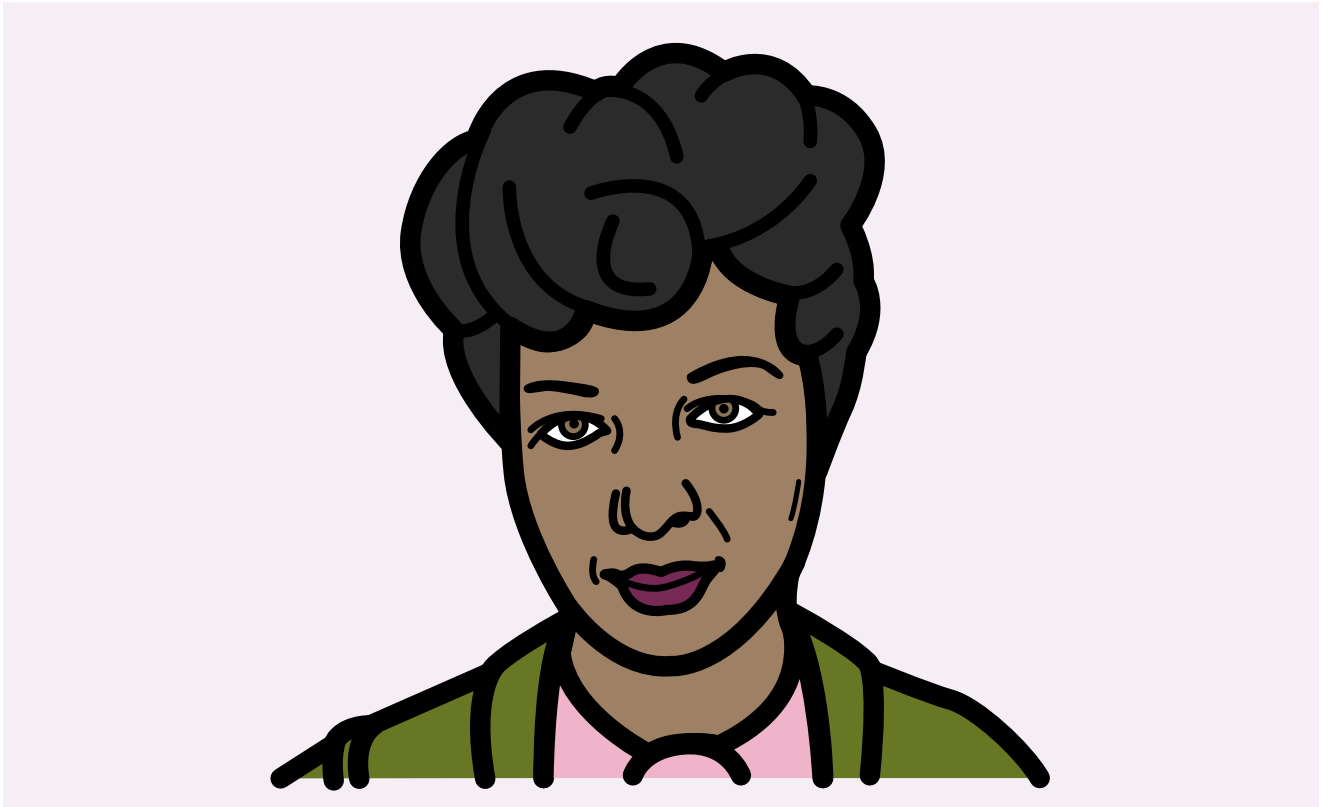
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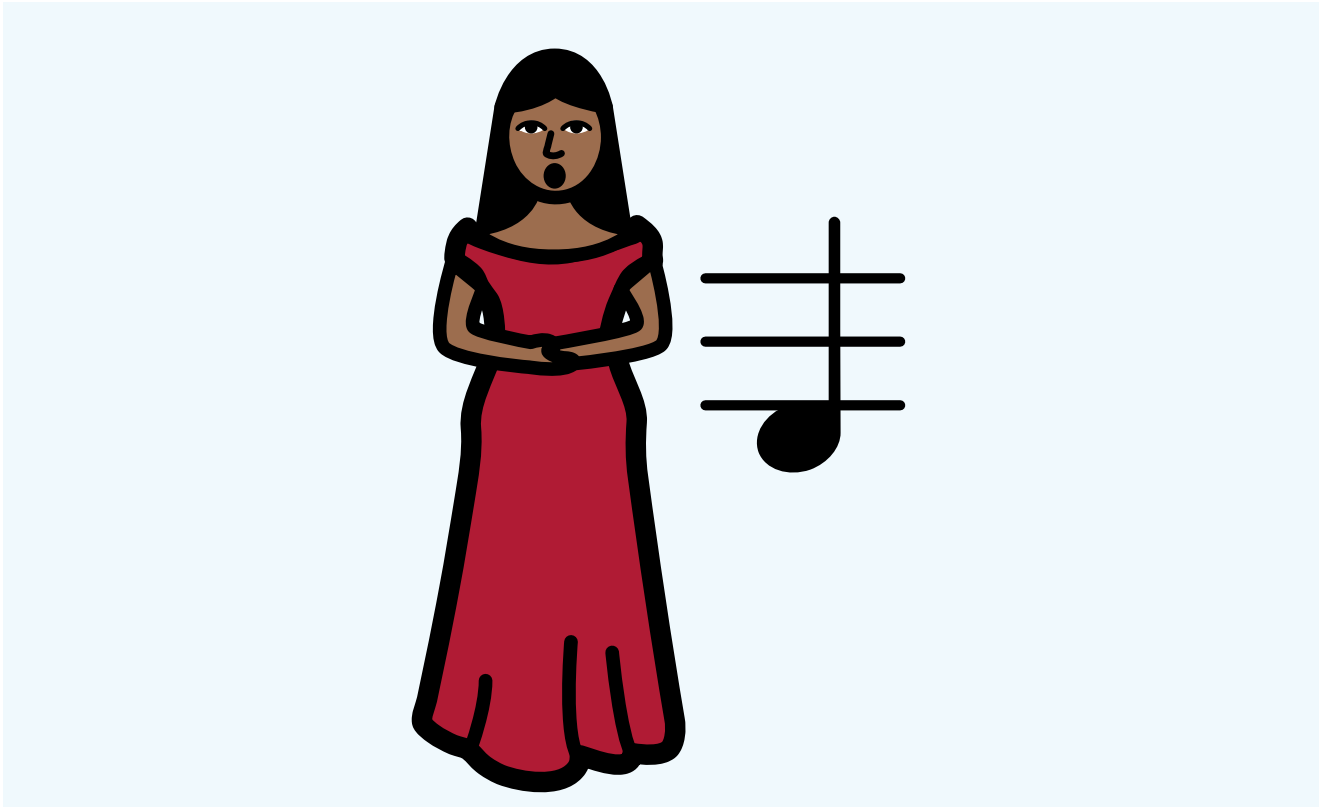


Evelyn Dove was born in London in 1902.

Her father was a barrister from Sierra Leone.

Her mother was from England.

Evelyn studied at the Royal Academy of Music.



Evelyn studied singing, piano and elocution.

Elocution is the skill of speaking well.

She trained as a classical contralto singer.

A contralto is the lowest female singing voice.

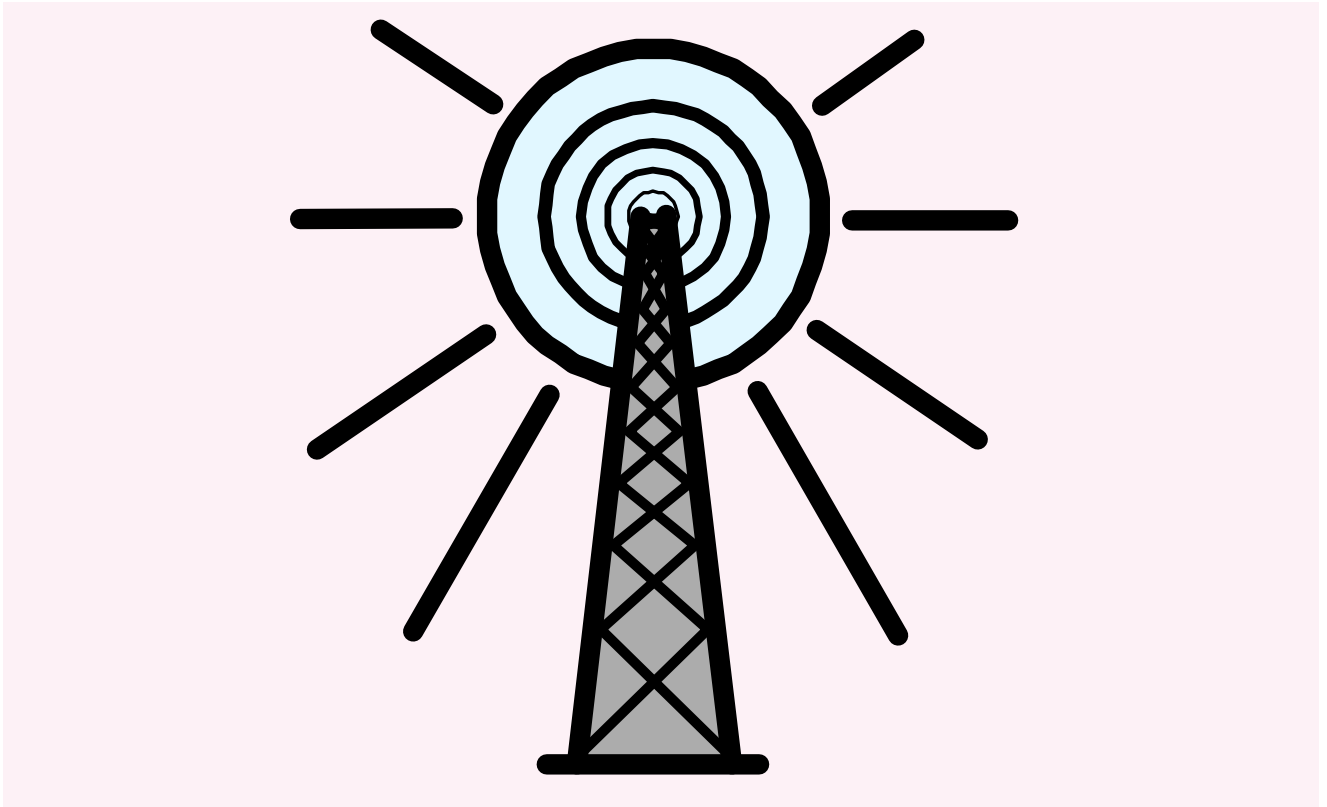


Evelyn wanted to be a classical concert singer.

This was not possible for a black woman.

Evelyn became a cabaret and jazz singer instead.

She toured Europe and became very famous.

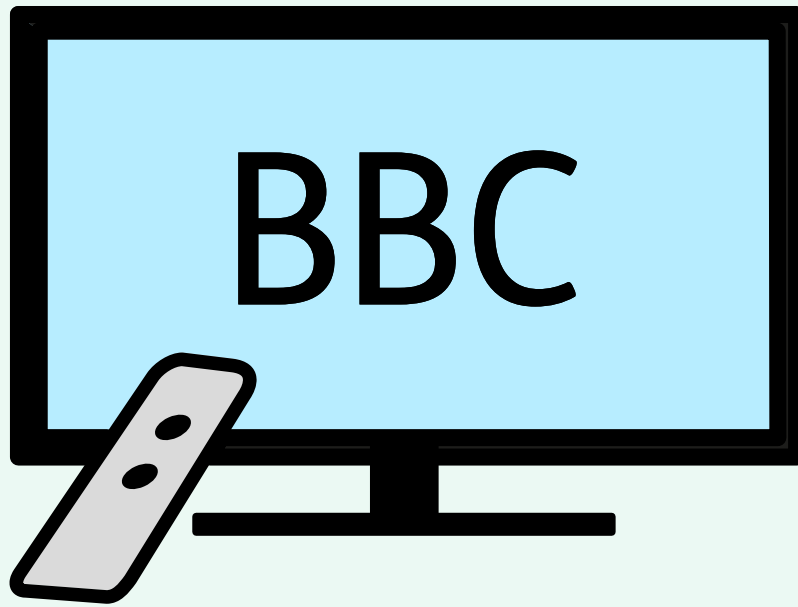


In 1939 World War 2 began.

Evelyn sang on BBC radio during the war.

She became one of radio's most popular singers.

Evelyn's songs were broadcast to the troops.

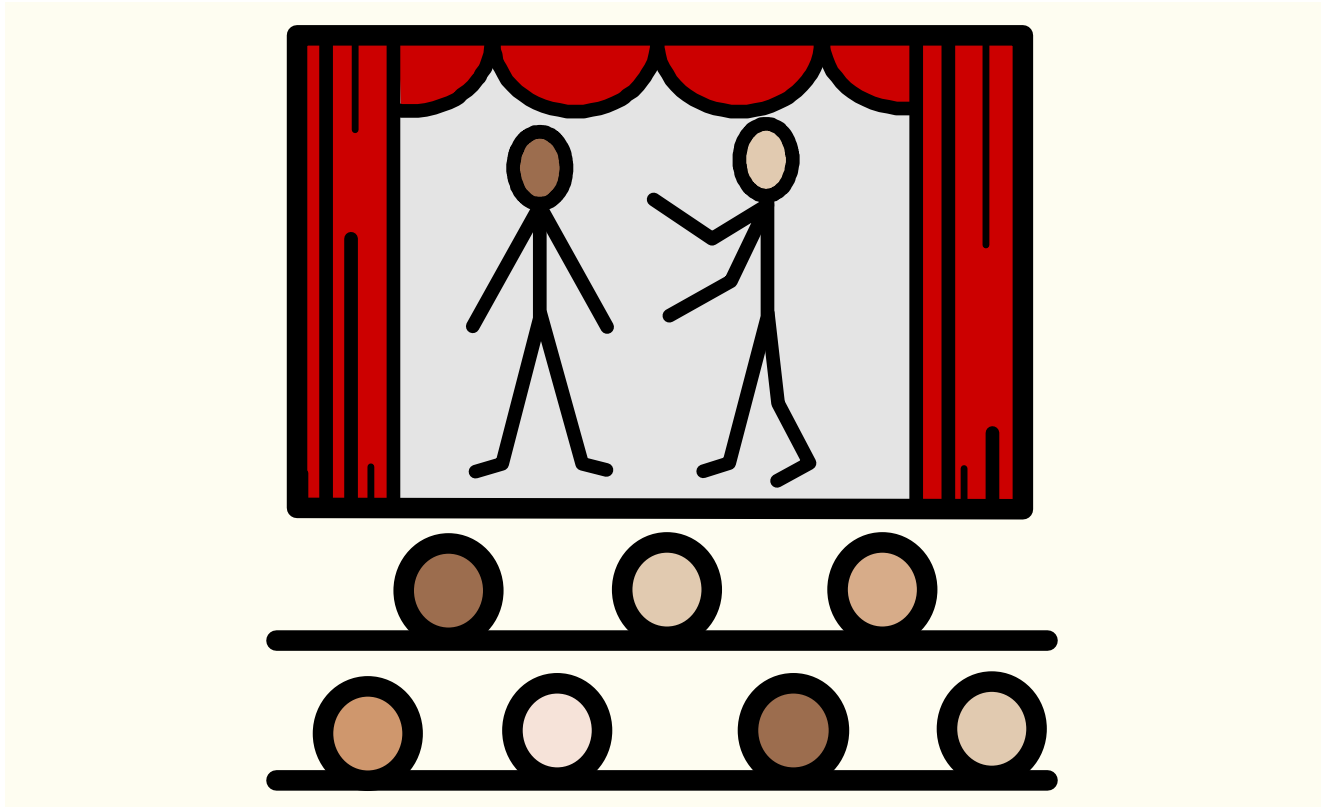


Evelyn sang on many radio music programs.

She became an early BBC television star.

In 1946 she appeared in *Serenade in Sepia*.

Evelyn became a household name.

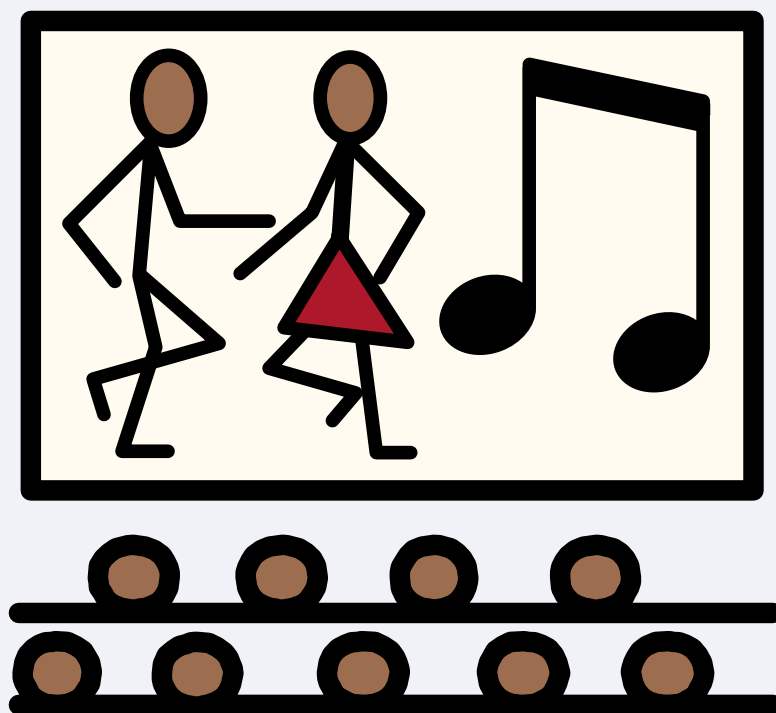


Evelyn left the BBC in 1949.

She performed in India, France and Spain.

Evelyn returned to Britain at the end of 1950.

She found it harder to find work.

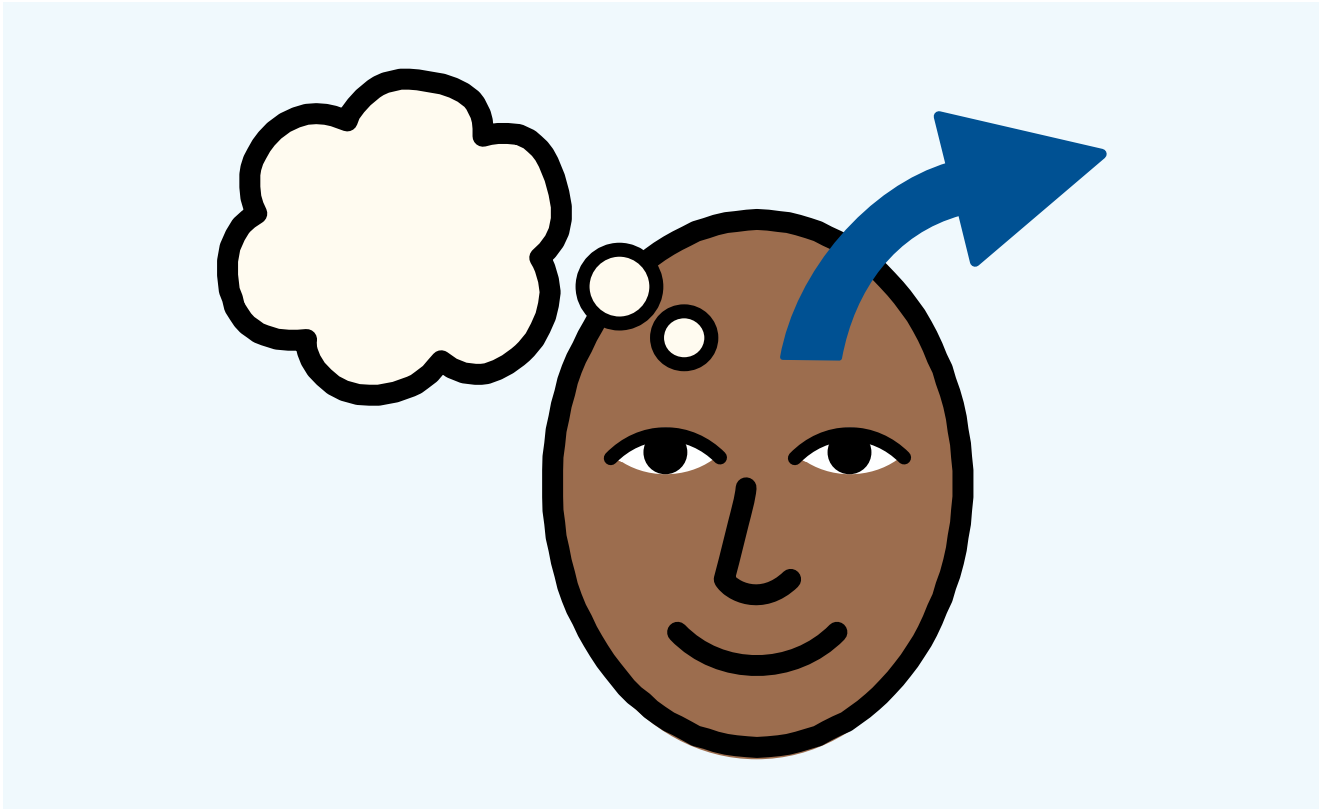


In 1956 she acted on BBC television again.

She starred in a West End musical in 1958.

Evelyn joined one of the 1st black theatre companies.

This was the Negro Theatre Workshop.

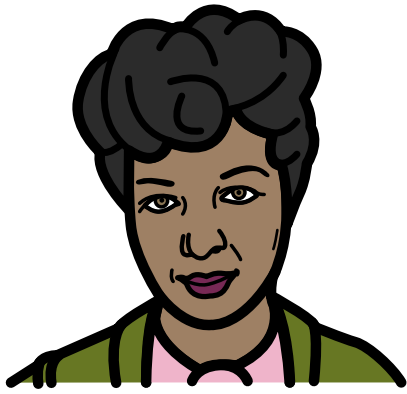


Evelyn died in 1987 after a long illness.

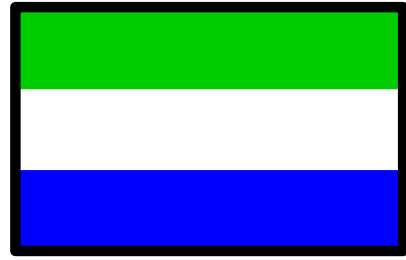
From 1920's to 1960's, her career lasted 50 years.

She was the 1st female black singer on BBC radio.

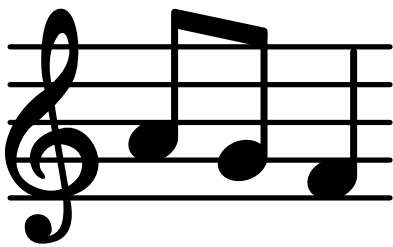
She is remembered for her achievements.



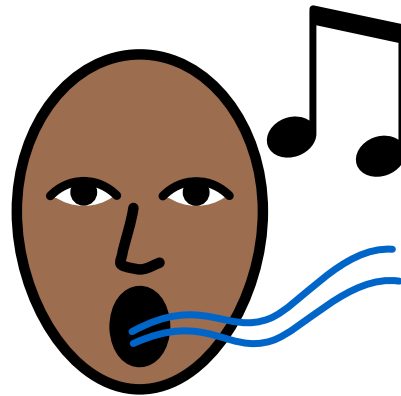
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Sierra Leone



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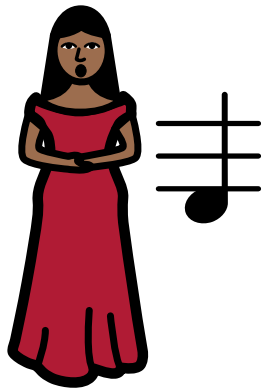
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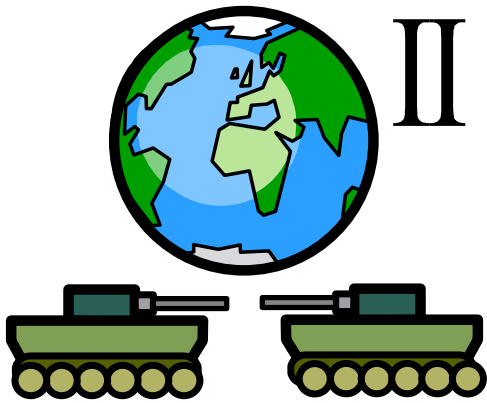
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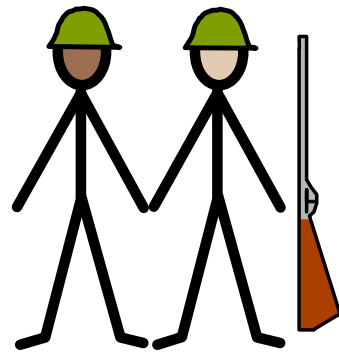
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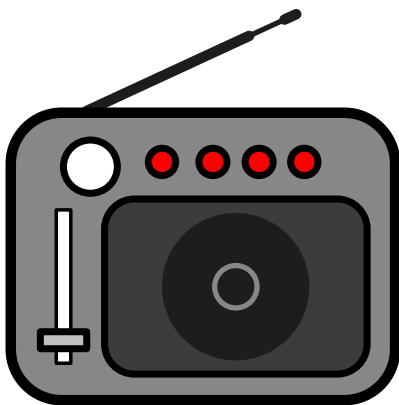
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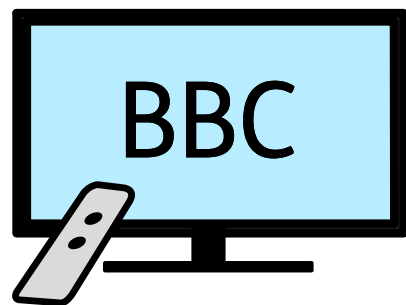
World War 2



troops



radio



BBC television