



ST. GEORGE'S DAY PLAY SCRIPT – 6 speakers.

(PLUS ODE TO ST. GEORGE)

Join St. George, Elizabeth II, Winston Churchill, William Shakespeare and John Lennon in this play script for 6, written by *Sue Russell, in celebration of England and its great cultural heritage.



*Sue Russell is a UK teacher, passionate about the power of drama in the classroom as a medium for teaching. She has converted the whole of the Key Stage II History curriculum into play format – both as class assemblies and as sets of guided reading play scripts (5 to a set, representing 5 different aspects of the subject, with 6 speakers each – plus 5 quizzes) based on a class of 30. These are written *by* a teacher, *for* teachers, and have received tremendous praise by teachers and pupils alike (see 'Comments' page on website www.plays-r-ussell.com)

Sue also feels passionately about her 'roots'. Currently living in Boston, USA "I have come to realize just how much my country means to me - I am so proud to say I am from England. I am currently working on a set of plays (of which the St. George's script is one) which will aim to cover all or at least some of the amazing talent that has sprung from our shores. There is a quote in the play from Winston Churchill which refers to our reticence when it comes to singing our country's praises. I think it is time we overcame our natural national reserve and told the world – or at least each other! – how proud we are, justifiably, to be English. If I can be in any way instrumental in getting this message across, via our schools, I will be delighted. I hope everyone enjoys the play – the first of many I hope to write on the subject – plus Ode to St. George – I really enjoyed writing the latter – I hope it makes you all laugh!".

St George's Day Play Script (extract)

Speakers:

Narrator

St. George

Queen Elizabeth II

Winston Churchill

William Shakespeare

John Lennon (representing The Beatles)

*For background information on the speakers, see end of play

Narrator: St. George's Day! April 23rd! What a day for England to celebrate!
St. George: And who better to lead the celebrations – than me!
Churchill: And me!
Lennon: And me!
Queen Eliz: And me! My birthday's just 2 days before – on the 21st!
Shakespeare: And me! It's the same day as *my* birthday *and* the day I died!
Narrator: Now, wait a minute. Saint George – yes, fair enough. It is your day that we are celebrating. But what are the rest of you doing here?
Queen Eliz: (Indignantly)What *monstrous* cheek!

Lennon: You tell him, Ma'am!
Churchill: *Never* have so many been so insulted by so few!
Shakespeare: "That it should come to this!"
Queen Eliz: If I had just one of my corgis here

Ode to St. George (extract)

***Rule Britannia!
St. George's Day is here.
England never shall have
Anything to fear!**

Land of Hope and Glory
Mother of the Free
We have no national holiday
Now how can *that* be?

St. George, get off your charger
And come and sort this out.
If you truly champion valour
Then leave us in no doubt.

We know the dragon was a myth
Though it made a real good story.
It was and is a favourite still
With kids and Jackanory.

We know you had no English blood
Nor stepped foot on our shores.
And armed with this surprising knowledge
Surely we have cause to pause?

So why choose you, as patron saint
To represent our land?
Come tell us what we need to know
Or we shall get you banned!

Rule Britannia!
Who *is* our patron saint?
Please say England never shall have
Cause to faint.

***Emboldened text to be read by St. George – this page and next.**