

Sensory Story

Noor Inayat Khan

Spy



Curriculum links History (Second World War)

Overview Noor Inayat Khan was a Muslim woman who worked undercover in occupied France to send information back to Britain. Although she was captured, she never revealed any information to the enemy forces.

You can watch an [animated story of Noor](#) on our website.

Resources

Cold pack or other cold item	Air Raid siren
Screwdriver	Medal
French conversation sounds	Aeroplane sounds
Radio or walkie-talkie	
Dark piece of fabric (large enough to hide behind)	

Story One cold winter's night in Moscow, a teacher and a poet welcomed into the world a little girl. They decided her name would be Noor, Noor Inayat Khan.

Sensory Pass around the cold object (for winter in Moscow)

Descended from an Indian ruler, Noor grew up speaking several languages living in both England and France. She loved writing stories and music!

Sensory French conversation sounds

When the Second World War broke out, everything changed. Noor and her family moved back to England. Even though she did not believe in violence or war, Noor felt she needed to help. But what should she do?

Sensory Air raid sirens

Noor joined the Women's Auxiliary Air Force and trained to become a wireless radio operator. She did so well, she was chosen to be the first woman doing this job behind enemy lines in France.

Sensory Radio or walkie-talkie (or something with dials for students to turn)

After a difficult training period, Noor was flown to France. As she landed, she thought everything looked very different now that the Nazis had taken over. Noor's job was to send information back to Britain using her special radio.

Sensory Play aeroplane sounds

This job was dangerous! Not long after she arrived in France, many of her fellow spies were caught. The police were always looking for her. She often had to change how she looked and find new places to hide. Noor survived for three months, sending important information to Britain.

Sensory Use the dark piece of fabric for students to hide behind

One month before she was planning to go back to England, Noor was caught and sent to prison where she refused to give information to the enemy. Using a screwdriver, Noor escaped through a window. Unfortunately, she was caught again and later was shot.

Sensory Use the screwdriver to pretend to open the window

For her bravery, Noor was awarded a special medal and became the first Muslim woman to be awarded the George Cross. Noor's actions live on in stories like this one, when we talk about her heroism and bravery.

Sensory Feel and/or wear the medal