



Topic: I'm an Evacuee...Get me out of here! (World War Two)

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## Important dates and facts

September 1, 1939	Germany invades Poland
Sept 3, 1939	Britain and France declare war on Germany ( <i>start of WW2</i> )
January, 1940	Rationing introduced across the UK
May to June, 1940	Dunkirk evacuated and France surrenders to Germany. Germany uses blitzkrieg to take over much of Western Europe
July, 1940	Germany launches air attacks on Great Britain ( <i>The Battle of Britain and the Blitz begins</i> ). Germany, Italy and Japan signed the Tripartite Pact creating the axis alliance
December 7, 1941	The Japanese attack the US navy in Pearl Harbor. The next day, the USA enters the war fighting with the allies
June 6, 1944	D-day and the Normandy invasion. Allied forces invade France and push back the Germans
May 7, 1945	Germany surrenders & victory in Europe is declared the next day
August 1945	Atomic bombs dropped on Hiroshima & Nagasaki, Japan by the US killing approximately 226,000 people
September 2, 1945	Japan surrenders signaling the end of WW2

## Vocabulary

Allies	Countries which fought on the British side (including: USA, Great Britain, France, Russia (1941-1945))
Evacuee	Someone who was <b>evacuated</b> , moved from a danger area to a safer place ( <i>normally from the cities to rural areas</i> )
Black out	System of ensuring no lights were visible <b>after dark</b> so that buildings could not be spotted by enemy planes
Rationing	The controlled distribution of <b>scarce resources</b> ( <i>mainly food &amp; clothing</i> )
Air raid shelter	A building to <b>protect</b> people from bombs dropped by planes Anderson Shelter: Made of corrugated iron. Usually at the end of the garden Morrison Shelter: Metal cage used inside the house. Could double as a kitchen table
Axis	Countries which fought on the German side (including: Italy, Germany, Japan, Russia (1939-1941))
Nazi	Member of the <b>fascist German</b> political party which came to power in 1933. Symbol = <i>swastika</i>
Blitz	Series of <b>aerial bombing</b> raids on the UK, mainly cities including London, Bristol & Nottingham
Blitzkrieg	Translated as ' <b>lightning war</b> '. German quick strike invasion of Western Europe

## Leaders

Adolf Hitler	Leader of the Nazi Party and Chancellor of Germany, 1933 - 1945 ( <i>also referred to as the Führer meaning leader</i> )
Winston Churchill	UK Prime Minister, 1940 - 1945 (and again from 1951 - 1955)
Neville Chamberlain	UK Prime Minister, 1937 - 1940 ( <i>infamous for failed attempts to satisfy Hitler's demands prior to the war</i> )
Franklin D. Roosevelt	US President, 1933 - 1945 ( <i>took the US into the war following the Pearl Harbor attack</i> )
Harry S. Truman	US President, 1945 - 1953 ( <i>responsible for the decision to drop Atomic bombs on Japan</i> )
Joseph Stalin	General Secretary of the Communist Party and Leader of the USSR, 1929 - 1953

## Historical skills and enquiry

- a study of an aspect or theme in **British history** that extends pupils' chronological
- **knowledge** beyond 1066
- a significant **turning point** in British history: World War Two
- develop a **chronologically**
- secure knowledge and understanding of British, local and world history
- develop the appropriate use of **historical terms**
- devise historically valid **questions** about change, cause, similarity and difference, and significance
- understand how our knowledge of the past is constructed from a **range of sources**

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Question 1 : Which countries were the allied powers? Mark two.

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Colour 1

End of unit  
Colour 2



Question 2 : In what year did rationing end? Tick one box.

Start of unit

End of unit

1954

1945

Question 3 : Name four cities bombed in the Blitz.

Start of Unit

End of Unit


Question 4: Can you name this emblem?

Start of unit

End of unit



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Question 5 : Name 4 things you would take if you were evacuated.

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End of Unit


Question 6 : When is VE day?

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End of Unit

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**What should I already know?**

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**Important facts**

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**Vocabulary**


**Geographical skills and fieldwork**

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**Diagrams**

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