

World War 2: UKS2 Knowledge Mat

Key vocabulary

Adolf Hitler	German Nazi dictator during World War II
Neville Chamberlain	UK Prime Minister from May 1937 to May 1940
Winston Churchill	UK Prime Minister May 10 th , 1940
British Empire	The countries and regions controlled by Britain at the outbreak of War.
Axis	Countries which fought on the German side (including: Italy, Germany, Japan (1939-1941))
Allies	Countries which fought on the British side (including: USA, Great Britain, France, Russia (1941-1945))
Nazi	Member of the German political group which came to power in 1933
Blitz / Air Raid	A series of bombing raids on the UK
Rationing	Control of the distribution of food and resources
Propaganda	Controlling news media (such as radio) to depict the war effort
Land Army	Refers to women taking over typically male dominated professions during the war.
Holocaust	Murder of Jews and other groups of people by the Nazis

War Timeline

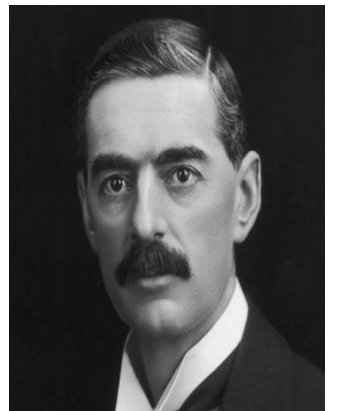
3 rd September 1939	War declared by Britain
1939 onwards	Holocaust
June 1940	Evacuation of Dunkirk
7 September 1940 – 11 th May 1941	The Blitz
8 th May 1945	VE Day

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Time line – know how to place historical events and people from the past societies and periods in a chronological framework.
Way of Life – know three ways that the lives of wealthy people were different from the lives of poorer people during the War. E.G evacuation, rationing, home front
WW2 Legacy – know about WW2 and explain why it is important in relation to British History. E.G Role of women, technological inventions, annual remembrance.
Salford at War – know about strong connections to our locality and understand the issues associated with the period (from a local point of view.) E.G. Waste Cemetery, Salford Docks
British Influences - Name three ways Britain has a major influence on the world E.G. Moral influence, Empire, Commonwealth



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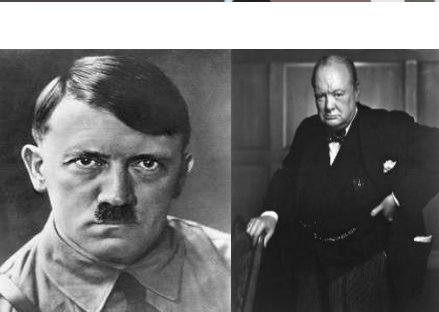
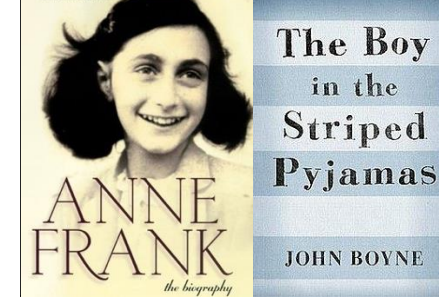
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Supreme Race	
Evacuation	Organised movement of children and the vulnerable from towns and cities to safe zones
Evacuee	Someone who was evacuated, moved from a danger area to a safer place.
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Holocaust	Murder of Jews and other groups of people by the Nazis
Luftwaffe	The German Airforce.
RAF	The Royal Airforce- British.
Refugees	A person who has been forced to leave their country in order to escape war.
Kindertransport	Transport arranged for Jewish children to flee German occupied countries.

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1933	Adolf Hitler rose to power as the political leader of Germany.
1 st September 1939	Germany invades Poland. Britain insists Germany withdraw troops from Poland. The Germans refuse.
3rd Sep 1939	Britain declares war on and Chamberlain made announcement on radio.
1939 Onwards	Children were evacuated to the countryside from cities expected to be bombed as enemy planes targeted factories etc.
10th May 1940	Chamberlain resigned and Winston Churchill was chosen to be the next Prime Minister.
June 1940	Evacuation of Dunkirk Large numbers of troops were surrounded by Germans at the French coastal town of Dunkirk. 338, 226 were saved by a fleet of 800 boats. This is known as the 'Miracle of Dunkirk'.
6th June 1944	D-Day The Normandy landings were a series of landing operations by the Allies to claim Europe. It was the largest seaborne operation in history.
7th May 1945	Germany surrenders: the allies had forced the surrender of Axis troops in Europe.
8th May 1945	VE Day The VE in VE Day stands for Victory in Europe. It was the public holiday of 8th May 1945 to mark the defeat of Germany by the Allied forces in World War 2 .
6th August 1945	Atomic bomb on Hiroshima Japan refused to surrender, threatening to fight on. The US considered invasion but this would have led to deaths of 500,000. On the 6 th of Aug and 9 th Aug, the US dropped an atomic bomb on Nagasaki and Hiroshima.
15th August 1945	End of WW2 The surrender of Japan was announced on August 15 th 1945.

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World War 2 was a battle between two groups of countries – the "Allies" and the "Axis".
Allies were Britain, France, Russia, China and the United States. Axis were Germany, Italy and Japan.

Adolf Hitler, wanted Germany to rule Europe to gain more land and power.

On 1 September 1939 German troops invaded Poland. England tried to stop this invasion but when Hitler refused, Britain and France declared war on Germany. This was when World War II had begun.

By the summer of 1941 German forces had invaded France, Belgium, Holland, Luxembourg, Denmark, Norway, Greece, Yugoslavia and the USSR.

Millions of Germans were imprisoned and killed because they didn't fit the image of the 'perfect' German. Hitler wanted to create what he thought was the "best" and strongest race.

Around six million Jewish people were killed during World War 2 in one of history's most terrible events – the Holocaust.

The US didn't join the war until 1941, when Japan attacked the United States - at their Naval Base at Pearl Harbour in Hawaii. On 8 December 1941 (the very next day), the US declared War on Japan and, in turn, its German allies.

Some countries remained 'neutral' in World War 2. Such countries were Spain, Sweden and Switzerland – who chose not to join either side.

In 1944, an Allied army crossed from Britain to free France from Nazi rule.

One year later (1945), Allied armies invaded Germany, forcing the Germans to surrender.

After nuclear attacks on Japan's major cities Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan also surrendered to Allied forces in August the same year.

The Germans surrendered on 8 May 1945 - World War 2 had ended



