



Knowledge Organiser for Year 5 & 6

World War Two

Key questions:

- Can you explain how propaganda posters were used during WW2 and recreate one digitally?
- Can you recreate a Blitz scene and a WW2 object/image, ensuring they have elements of 3D?
- Can you compare and contrast the differences between meals in Britain now and in WW2?
- Can you name and locate at least eight European countries associated with WW2 and eight major capital cities?
- Can you record key geographical features on a map of Europe to explain why certain countries were invaded?
- Can you evaluate bias within newspaper reports and choose the most reliable source?
- Can you discuss how WW2 shaped the face of Europe and debate who was to 'blame'?
- Can you explain how Hitler grew his Empire and used 'The Final Solution' to control people?
- Can you explain the impact that WW2 had on different groups in society e.g. women or children?

Key dates

11th November 1918	End of World War One – This had a knock-on effect to the start of WW2, as Germany were given a lot of restrictions (Treaty of Versailles). This led to the rise of Adolf Hitler and the Nazi Party.
30th January 1933	Adolf Hitler became Chancellor of Germany.
1st September 1939	Hitler invaded Poland and started World War Two – which lasted for six years and one day.
26th May 1940	Operation Dynamo – The evacuation of Dunkirk.
7th September 1940 – 11th May 1941	The Blitz – 440,000 people died, of which 40,000 were British.
7th December 1941	Pearl Harbour – The Japanese surprise attack on the American Military Base, off the coast of Hawaii.
6th June 1944	D-Day – Operation Overlord – The British troops breaking back into Europe.
8th May 1945	The date that the Nazi's surrendered – often known as VE Day.
6th August 1945	Hiroshima and Nagasaki – The dropping of the Atomic Bomb in Japan. The death toll is thought to have been as high as over a quarter of a million civilians.
2nd September 1945	The date World War Two ended – when Japan surrendered. This is often called VJ Day.

Did you know...?

- 70-85 million people perished in the war – which works out at around 3% of the World Population.
- World War One was fought in the trenches – World War Two used the Navy, Airforce, Armies to fight using bombs, missiles and tanks.
- The Victoria Cross is awarded for extreme bravery for the Armed Forces. There were 182 awarded during WW2.
- 6,000,000 Jewish people died during The Holocaust.
- A Polish-Catholic midwife, Stanislaw Leszczynska, delivered 3,000 babies whilst at Auschwitz.

Key vocabulary or people

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Propaganda • Invasion • Choropleth • Military • Civilian 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neville Chamberlain • Tank • Blitz • Evacuee • Air-raid shelter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nazi • Spitfire • Anderson shelter • Ration book • Adolf Hitler 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Germany • Winston Churchill • Land girls • Munitions
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