

Vocabulary

Allies	Countries which fought on the British side (including: USA, Great Britain, France, Russia (1941-1945))
Evacuee	Someone who was evacuated, moved from a danger area to a safer place (normally from the cities to rural areas)
Black out	System of ensuring no lights were visible after dark so that buildings could not be spotted by enemy planes
Rationing	The controlled distribution of scarce resources (mainly food & clothing)
Trenches	A long, narrow ditch used for troops to shelter from enemy fire or attack
Axis	Countries which fought on the German side (including: Italy, Germany, Japan, Russia (1939-1941))
Nazi	Member of the fascist German political party which came to power in 1933. Symbol = swastika
Blitz	Series of aerial bombing raids on the UK, mainly cities including London, Bristol & Nottingham
Holocaust	Mass murder of Jews and other groups of people by the Nazis
Fascism	Right wing political view associated with not allowing opposition and total control by a dictator.
Blitzkrieg	Translated as 'lightning war'. German quick strike invasion of Western Europe
Luftwaffe	The German Air Force (responsible for the Blitz)
Enigma	A machine used by the Nazis to send coded messages
Air Raid Shelter	A building to protect people from bombs dropped by planes Anderson Shelter: Made of corrugated iron. Usually at the end of the garden

What should I already know?

- Facts of World War I
- Importance of Remembrance Day
- Location and countries of Europe



Timeline of Events

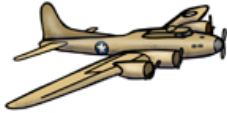
World War II Timeline

1st September 1939

Germany invades Poland. World War Two begins.

3rd September 1939

Neville Chamberlain, the British Prime Minister, declares war on Germany.



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France, Australia, Canada, New Zealand and South Africa declare war on Germany.

17th September 1939

The Soviet Union invades Poland from the east.

9th April 1940

Germany invades and eventually takes control of Denmark and Norway.

10th May 1940

Winston Churchill becomes Prime Minister of the British government.

10th May 1940

Germany invades Western Europe.



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World War II Timeline

13th September 1940

Italy invades British-controlled Egypt.

20th September 1940

Germany, Italy and Japan join forces and sign the Tripartite Pact.

November 1940

Slovakia, Romania and Hungary join with Germany.

March 1941

Bulgaria joins with Germany.

10th May 1941

German air raid damages the House of Commons.

7th December 1941

Japan attacks Pearl Harbour in Hawaii.

8th December 1941

The United States declares war on Japan.

11th December 1941

Germany and Italy declare war on the United States.



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11th December 1941

The United States declares war on Germany and Italy.

8th November 1942

British and US troops take back North Africa.

20th April 1943

Jews massacred at the Warsaw Ghetto in Poland.

16th May 1943

The Dambusters Raid destroys many German factories.

6th June 1944

British and US Troops land in Normandy. This day is known as D-Day.

16th December 1944

The Germans launch a large attack in the Battle of the Bulge. They lose to the Allies sealing the fate of the German army.

1st April 1945

US troops encircle Germans in the Ruhr.



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What we will be learning about

- The causes of World War II
- The Holocaust
- Anne Frank and her famous diary
- The Homefront: the blitz, air raid shelters, Anderson shelters, rationing, evacuation and women's roles in WWII