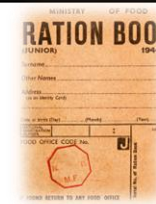


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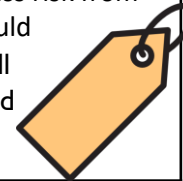
ESSENTIAL WORLD WAR II VOCABULARY

propaganda	Biased or misleading information used to promote a political cause.
allies	The 26 nations that fought against the Axis in WW2.
axis	The military alliance made up of Germany, Italy and Japan.
annex	Adding territory to one's own territory.
gestapo	The Nazi's secret police force.
rationing	Allowing each person to only have a fixed amount of something.
evacuee	A person evacuated from a place of danger.
evacuation	The action of moving a person or people from a place of danger.
blitzkrieg	An intense military campaign intended to bring about a quick victory.
holocaust	Destruction or slaughter on a mass scale.
dictator	A ruler with total power over a country.
invade	Entering an area by force in order to take over.
army	An organised military force equipped for fighting.
battle	A sustained fight between large organised armed forces.
government	The group of people with the authority to govern a country or state.

September 1 st 1939	September 3 rd 1939	May 26 th 1940	July 10 th 1940	September 7 th 1940	December 7 th 1941	June 6 th 1944	May 7 th 1945	August 6 th / 9 th 1945
German troops invade Poland	Britain and France declare war on Germany	Allied forces are evacuated from Dunkirk in France	The Battle of Britain begins	The Blitz begins	Japan bombs Pearl Harbour in the US	The D-Day landings	Germany surrenders to the Allies	The US drops atomic bombs on two Japanese cities

Evacuation

During the War, over 3.5 million children were sent from the cities, where it was believed they would be at less risk from bombing. They would only be allowed to take a small suitcase and their gas mask and would live with host families .



Key People

Winston Churchill

Winston Churchill was the Prime Minister who led Britain to victory in the Second World War.

Adolf Hitler

Adolf Hitler was the leader of the Nazi Party and one of the most powerful dictators. He orchestrated WW2.

Rationing

As supply ships were being targeted by German bombers, food had to be conserved as much as possible. Every person was given a ration book with coupons that showed how much of each item was allowed. People were encouraged to grow as much of their own food as possible.

The Holocaust

The Holocaust is the term used for the killing of over six million Jewish people, organised by Adolf Hitler and the Nazi Party. They blamed the Jews for the problems in Germany, so they were bullied and discriminated against.

Women

Before the war, most women stayed at home and didn't work. However, when the men were sent to war, women were needed to do jobs such as making weapons, driving transport and working in engineering.

Facts for Life

World War II began because Germany invaded Poland. It lasted for 6 years and 1 day. Britain and France declared war on Germany on 3rd September 1939

The Battle of Britain was fought in the skies over Southern Britain in the summer and autumn of 1940.

When the Spitfire factory in Southampton was bombed, production secretly moved to places around Salisbury, where over 2,500 were produced and assembled.

Fun fact! The Battle of Britain (fought between the German Luftwaffe and the Royal Air Force) was the first ever battle to be fought only in the air.

The Blitz

The Blitz was a German bombing campaign against the United Kingdom in 1940 and 1941 during the Second World War. 'Blitz' is the German word for 'lightning' and was the term first used by the British press. It lasted for 57 nights, and the aim was to crush the British spirits so that they would surrender.