

West Meadows Primary School - History knowledge organiser

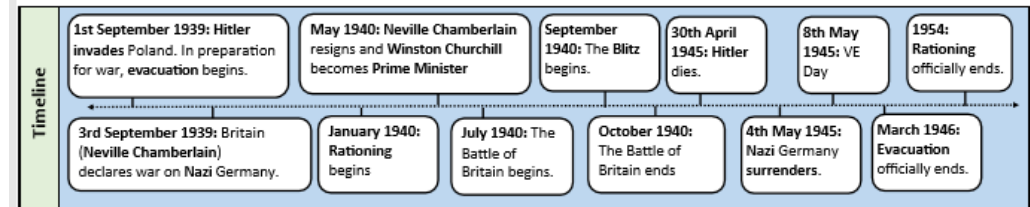
WW2

Year 5



What should I already know?

- Features of rural and urban areas in the United Kingdom
- The chronology of British history
- Characteristics of London
- The location of Germany in the continent of Europe



What caused WWII?

- After the loss of WWI in 1918, Germany's economy had suffered. In 1934, the people voted for Hitler, the leader of the Nazi party to lead them after he had offered them hope.
- Even though he spoke of peace, Hitler and the Nazi Party invaded Austria and Czechoslovakia.
- Two days after the invasion of Poland, Britain declared war on Nazi Germany.

What was the Battle of Britain and The Blitz?

- The Battle of Britain and the Blitz were military campaigns of the Second World War.
- Hitler sent his Luftwaffe bombers to attack the British ports and RAF airfields.
- During the Blitz - From September 7TH the city of London was heavily bombed.
- Night bombing - with the failure of daylight bombing raids Hitler began a series of nightly bombing raids on London and other important industrial cities.
- People kept safe by using air raid sirens, shelters and blackout curtains.



What was the impact of WWII and the Blitz on Britain?

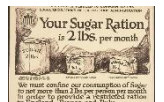
Evacuation

- Many children living in **urban** areas were moved temporarily from their homes to places considered safer, usually out in **rural** areas.
- The British **evacuation** began on Friday 1st September 1939. It was called 'Operation Pied Piper'.
- When the war was over, Government began to make travel arrangements to return the **evacuees** to their homes.



Rationing

- As part of their campaign, Nazi Germans tried to cut off supplies and food and other goods coming to Britain by attacking many of the ships that brought food to Britain.
- This meant that there was less food for the people. Food was **rationed**.



Jobs

- Many men fought in the war and so women were tasked to carry out much of the war work. However, some jobs were protected - men who held these jobs were not called up to join the army (e.g. doctors/miners)

