

# World War Two

## 1939 - 1945

## Timeline

### Key vocabulary and terms

<b>Air Raid</b> - an attack in which bombs are dropped from aircraft on to a ground target.	
<b>Appeasement</b> - This was the policy of many countries when Hitler first started to take over Austria and parts of Czechoslovakia. They gave in to Hitler's demands in order to avoid going to war.	
<b>Concentration camp</b> - A place where the Germans put people they did not like such as Jewish people.	
<b>D-Day</b> - The day that United States and British forces attacked the German forces on the shores of Normandy, France. A turning point in the war as the Allies defeated the Germans.	
<b>Evacuation</b> - An evacuation happens when people are removed from or leave a dangerous place. Children were taken from cities to countryside.	
<b>Fascism</b> - A type of government ruled by a dictator. Germany with Hitler and Italy with Mussolini were fascist governments.	
<b>Gestapo</b> - The Nazi police force.	
<b>Nazi</b> - The Nazi Party was a political party in Germany led by Adolf Hitler. The full name was the Nationalist Socialist German Workers' Party.	

### Key learning:

#### To be taught about...

- How World War Two started.
- The main leaders involved; who were they and what impact did they have?
- Life in battle for soldiers (air, sea and land)
- What evacuation was and how this experience felt for children and families.
- What air raids were and how they were used in the war.
- Rationing, blackouts, shelters and gas masks.
- Key attacks such as The Blitz and the D-Day landings.
- War campaigns such as propaganda.
- The lasting effects of war.

### September 1939

1st - Germany invades Poland. World War II begins.



3rd - France and Great Britain declare war on Germany.

### September 1939

Evacuation of children from the cities to the countryside begins.



### 10th July 1940

Germany launches an air attack on Great Britain. These attacks last until the end of October and are known as the **Battle of Britain**.



### Sep 1940 – May 1941

The Blitz. This was a strategic bombing campaign led by Germany on London and other UK cities.



### June 1941

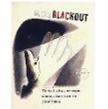
Germany attacks Russia.



Clothes rationing introduced in Britain.

### Sep 1940 – May 1941

The Blackout in London ends. Since 1st September 1939, people in London covered windows and showed no light to try and keep London hidden from German planes.



### 6th June 1944

D-Day landings in Normandy. This was the biggest seaborne invasion in history.



### 8th May 1945

Germany surrenders. War is over.

This is called V.E Day.



### Useful websites:

<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/Britain.html>

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/history/general-history/world-war-two/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p059sqrc>