

Topic

World War II

What I will focus on in this

topic:

Develop a secure knowledge of events leading to the outbreak of World War II.

Research and describe some of the key events of World War II.

Recognise some of the events and what happened during the Holocaust in World War II.

Why was the Battle of Britain a turning point in the war?

What was the impact of World War II on children?

How significant was the impact of World War II on women?



Sir Winston Churchill

(1874-1965) was the British Prime Minister 1940 - 1945.



Adolf Hitler – (1889-1945), Chancellor of Germany from 1933-1945, and the Fuhrer of Germany from 1934-1945.



Franklin Roosevelt – (1882-1945) was the 32nd President of the United States, from 1933-1945.



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Vocabulary

World War	A War involving many large nations.
Outbreak	A sudden occurrence of something unwelcome such as war or disease.
Evacuation	Removal of people from a specified place.
Concentration Camps	a place in which large numbers of people, especially political prisoners or members of persecuted minorities, are deliberately imprisoned in a relatively small area.
Surrender	To stop resisting to an enemy or opponent and submit to their authority.
Armistice	An Armistice is a formal agreement between warring parties to stop fighting.
Invade	To enter a country or region to occupy it.
Liberation	Act of setting someone or something free.
Resistance	The refusal to accept or comply with something.
Luftwaffe	The German Airforce.

Major Events

1939	World War II Begins	Hitler invades Poland on 1 September. Britain and France declare War on Germany two days later.
September 1939 onwards	Evacuation of Children	People expected cities to be bombed, as enemy planes tried to hit targets. This put city children in danger, and so they were evacuated to the countryside.
1933- 1945	The Holocaust	The Holocaust was a genocide committed by Germany before and during WWII. It involved the murder of 6 million Jews, and millions of others. Many perished in concentration camps.
1940	Rationing starts in the UK. Churchill becomes Prime Minister of Britain.	
26th May – 4th June 1940	Evacuation of Dunkirk	Large numbers of British, French, and Belgian troops were surrounded by German soldiers and seemed set to perish. Remarkably, 338,226 were saved by a fleet of 800 boats.
10th July – 31st Oct 1940	Battle of Britain	In the Battle of Britain, the Royal Air Force (RAF) successfully defended UK against attacks by Nazi Germany's air force: Luftwaffe.
7th December 1941	Attack on Pearl Harbor	This was a surprise military attack by Japan on the United States naval base at Pearl Harbor. It led to the US joining the Allies in the war
6th June 1944	D-Day Landings	The Normandy Landings, also known as D-Day, were a series of landing operations by the Allies to claim back Europe. It was the largest seaborne invasion in history.
7th May 1945	Germany Surrenders	Germany officially surrendered to the Allies, bringing to an end the European fighting in World War II.
2nd September 1945	WWII Ends	The surrender of Japan was announced on August 15 th 1945 and formally signed on 2 nd September 1945