

World War II Key Facts

Britain at war

- More than 3.5 million children were evacuated from the cities during the war.
- Wartime food rationing began in 1940 and lasted nine years after the war had ended.
- During the air raids (The Blitz), people had to leave their homes and find a safe shelter to protect themselves. For example, Morrison shelters, Anderson shelters or public shelters.
- During the war, children were transported to safer places in the country side.

Allied Powers



United Kingdom



USA



France



Soviet union

Axis Powers



Third Reich (Germany)



Italy



Japan



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Neville Chamberlain- Prime Minister of United Kingdom at the beginning of WWII.



Adolf Hitler- Leader of the German Army.



Winston Churchill- became Prime Minister of United Kingdom during War II.



World War II Vocabulary

| Word | Definition |
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| Air raid | An attack by planes dropping bombs |
| Allies | Countries that joined together against Germany, Japan and Italy in World War II. |
| Blackout | Turning off street lights and other lights at night so that bombers cannot see their target. |
| Evacuee | a person evacuated from a place of danger. |
| Evacuation | When a person is moved away from a place of danger. |
| Gas mask | A protective mask to prevent breathing in of poisonous gases |
| Invaded | Attacked and taken over by an enemy |
| Rationing | A fixed amount of food and provisions for people. |
| Shelters | A safe place to hide during an air raid |

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| 1st September 1939 | 3rd September 1939 | 7th January 1940 | 10th May 1940 | 7th September 1940 | 6th June 1944 | 7th May 1945 | 8th May 1945 | 15th August 1945 |
| Germany invades Poland | Britain and France declare war on Germany | Rationing of food begins | Churchill becomes Prime Minister | The London Blitz began. It lasted over eight weeks | D-Day (The invasion of Normandy), France | Germany Surrenders | VE Day (Victory in Europe)- the war ends in Europe | VJ Day (victory in Japan)- the war ends in the far east. |