


Rotherhithe Primary School	History Knowledge Organiser	WW2	Year 6																										
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<p>Allies- Countries which fought on the British side (including: USA, Great Britain, France, Russia (1941-1945))</p> <p>Evacuee- Someone who was evacuated, moved from a danger area to a safer place (<i>normally from the cities to rural areas</i>)</p> <p>Black out- System of ensuring no lights were visible after dark so that buildings could not be spotted by enemy planes.</p> <p>Rationing- The controlled distribution of scarce resources (<i>mainly food & clothing</i>)</p> <p>Air raid shelter- A building to protect people from bombs dropped by planes.</p> <p>Anderson Shelter: Made of corrugated iron. Usually at the end of the garden.</p> <p>Morrison Shelter: Metal cage used inside the house. Could double as a kitchen table.</p> <p>Trenches- A long, narrow ditch used for troops to shelter from enemy fire or attack.</p> <p>Axis- Countries which fought on the German side (including: Italy, Germany, Japan, Russia (1939-1941))</p> <p>Nazi- Member of the fascist German political party which came to power in 1933. Symbol = swastika.</p> <p>Blitz- Series of aerial bombing raids on the UK, mainly cities including London, Bristol & Nottingham.</p> <p>Holocaust- Mass murder of Jews and other groups of people by the Nazis.</p> <p>Fascism- Right wing political view associated with not allowing opposition and total control by a dictator.</p> <p>Luftwaffe- The German Air Force (responsible for the Blitz)</p>		<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Date</th> <th>Key events</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>September 1, 1939</td> <td>Germany invades Poland</td> </tr> <tr> <td>September 3, 1939</td> <td>Britain and France declare war on Germany (<i>start of WW2</i>)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>January, 1940</td> <td>Rationing introduced across the UK</td> </tr> <tr> <td>May to June, 1940</td> <td>Dunkirk evacuated and France surrenders to Germany Germany uses blitzkrieg to take over much of Western Europe</td> </tr> <tr> <td>July, 1940</td> <td>Germany launches air attacks on Great Britain (<i>The Battle of Britain and the Blitz begins</i>) Germany, Italy and Japan signed the Tripartite Pact creating the axis alliance</td> </tr> <tr> <td>December 7, 1941</td> <td>The Japanese attack the US navy in Pearl Harbor. The next day, the USA enters the war fighting with the allies</td> </tr> <tr> <td>June 6, 1944</td> <td>D-day and the Normandy invasion. Allied forces invade France and push back the Germans</td> </tr> <tr> <td>April 30, 1945</td> <td>Adolf Hitler commits suicide</td> </tr> <tr> <td>May 7, 1945</td> <td>Germany surrenders & victory in Europe is declared the next day</td> </tr> <tr> <td>August 1945</td> <td>Atomic bombs dropped on Hiroshima & Nagasaki, Japan by the US killing approximately 226,000 people</td> </tr> <tr> <td>September 2, 1945</td> <td>Japan surrenders signaling the end of WW2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>July, 1954</td> <td>Rationing ends in the UK</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Date	Key events	September 1, 1939	Germany invades Poland	September 3, 1939	Britain and France declare war on Germany (<i>start of WW2</i>)	January, 1940	Rationing introduced across the UK	May to June, 1940	Dunkirk evacuated and France surrenders to Germany Germany uses blitzkrieg to take over much of Western Europe	July, 1940	Germany launches air attacks on Great Britain (<i>The Battle of Britain and the Blitz begins</i>) Germany, Italy and Japan signed the Tripartite Pact creating the axis alliance	December 7, 1941	The Japanese attack the US navy in Pearl Harbor. The next day, the USA enters the war fighting with the allies	June 6, 1944	D-day and the Normandy invasion. Allied forces invade France and push back the Germans	April 30, 1945	Adolf Hitler commits suicide	May 7, 1945	Germany surrenders & victory in Europe is declared the next day	August 1945	Atomic bombs dropped on Hiroshima & Nagasaki, Japan by the US killing approximately 226,000 people	September 2, 1945	Japan surrenders signaling the end of WW2	July, 1954	Rationing ends in the UK
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 <p>The map illustrates the progression of World War II in Europe from 1939 to 1941. It shows the Axis powers (Germany, Italy, and Japan) in orange and yellow, and the Allies (USA, UK, France, and the Soviet Union) in green. Key cities like Berlin, London, Moscow, and Stalingrad are marked. Red arrows indicate Axis advances, and red stars indicate cities severely damaged by bombing. The map also shows the extent of Axis-controlled territory in 1941 and the extent of Axis advance in 1940.</p>		<table border="1"> <tbody> <tr> <td>Adolf Hitler</td> <td>Leader of the Nazi Party and Chancellor of Germany, 1933 - 1945 (<i>also referred to as the Führer meaning leader</i>)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Winston Churchill</td> <td>UK Prime Minister, 1940 - 1945 (and again from 1951 - 1955)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Neville Chamberlain</td> <td>UK Prime Minister, 1937 - 1940 (<i>infamous for failed attempts to satisfy Hitler's demands prior to the war</i>)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Franklin D. Roosevelt</td> <td>US President, 1933 – 1945 (<i>took the US into the war following the Pearl Harbor attacks</i>)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Harry S. Truman</td> <td>US President, 1945 – 1953 (<i>responsible for the decision to drop Atomic bombs on Japan</i>)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Joseph Stalin</td> <td>General Secretary of the Communist Party and Leader of the USSR, 1929 - 1953</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Adolf Hitler	Leader of the Nazi Party and Chancellor of Germany, 1933 - 1945 (<i>also referred to as the Führer meaning leader</i>)	Winston Churchill	UK Prime Minister, 1940 - 1945 (and again from 1951 - 1955)	Neville Chamberlain	UK Prime Minister, 1937 - 1940 (<i>infamous for failed attempts to satisfy Hitler's demands prior to the war</i>)	Franklin D. Roosevelt	US President, 1933 – 1945 (<i>took the US into the war following the Pearl Harbor attacks</i>)	Harry S. Truman	US President, 1945 – 1953 (<i>responsible for the decision to drop Atomic bombs on Japan</i>)	Joseph Stalin	General Secretary of the Communist Party and Leader of the USSR, 1929 - 1953														
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