



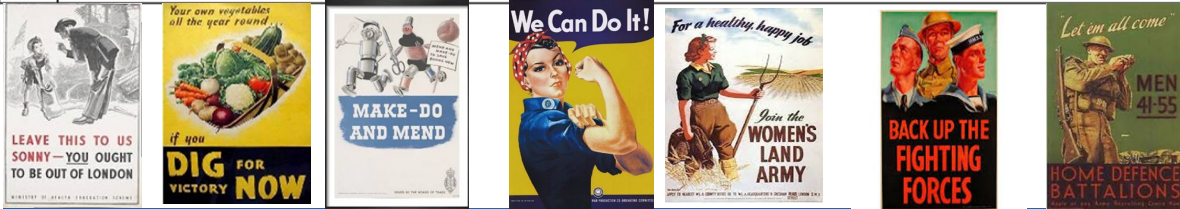
Key Knowledge

Germany was defeated in WWI which ended in 1918. In 1934, the people voted for **Hitler**, the leader of the **Nazi** Party to lead them after he had offered them hope of a new future and to rebuild the army. Even though he spoke of peace, Hitler and the Nazis wanted to rule Europe and they **invaded** Poland. Two days later, Britain declared war on Germany on 3rd September 1939. Other countries joined as **Allies** or **Axis** powers.

Most men were fighting. Women took on many of their jobs. Many children in big towns and cities were **evacuated** under Operation Pied Piper to live with families in the countryside away from the bombings. In all homes, food and many goods were **rationed**. Projects such as Dig for Victory and Make Do and Mend helped the short supplies

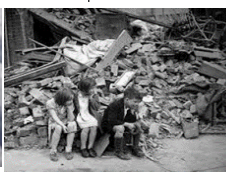
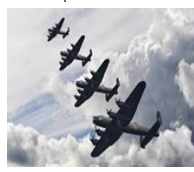
Air raids were signalled by sirens and people went into **shelters** with their **gas masks**. Shelters could be inside or outside the home. Wardens checked **blackouts** were happening. The **Blitz** was designed to destroy cities, ports and other important targets. London and other cities were badly hit. The Blitz also tried to make the British people more likely to **surrender** but, under Churchill, it made them more united and determined.

Allies defeated Hitler. Germany was heavily bombed. The US used an atomic bomb against Japan. Countries had to be rebuilt after war. **Evacuation** finally ended in 1946 with families reunited. **Rationing** continued until 1954.



Timeline of Key Events

1 st September 1939 Hitler invades Poland (Kindertransport started 1938)	Jan 1940 Rationing starts May 1940 Churchill becomes Prime Minister July-Oct Battle of Britain	December 1941 Japan bombs Pearl Harbour & USA enters WW2.	8 th May 1945 Britain celebrates VE Day (Victory in Europe)		 Neville Chamberlain British Prime Minister 1937-1940	 Winston Churchill British Prime Minister 1940-1945	 Adolf Hitler Leader of Nazi Germany 1934-1945	 Franklin D. Roosevelt President of USA 1933-1945
3 rd September 1939 Britain declares war. Evacuation of children begins.	Sept 1940-May 1941 The Blitz bombings by the Germans against Britain.	6 th June 1944 D Day landings in Normandy by Britain & Allies	15 th August 1945 VJ day (Victory in Japan) Japan surrenders after Hiroshima bomb. WW2 ends					



Key Vocabulary

airraid	Military planes sent to bomb a place or target
billeted	Be given a place to live in someone's house
blackout	Turning off lights so enemy planes can't see the target.
Blitz (Blitzkrieg)	Huge and sudden air strikes by the German airforce (Luftwaffe) against London and other cities or targets during the Battle of Britain.
evacuate	Moving children to a safety from dangers in cities.
rationing	Sharing a limited amount of goods (food, clothes, fuel) amongst people.
	Substantive concepts
invasion	
empire	
conflict	

Friend or Foe?	
Allies (supporting Britain)	Axis (supporting Germany)
France (surrendered to Nazis 1941)	Italy
USA, Canada, Soviet Union	Japan
Australia, New Zealand, China, India	Hungary, Bulgaria, Romania