

World War Two

Germany invaded Poland leading to Britain and France declaring war on Germany

1939

1945

Friends or Enemies?

The Allies (supporting Britain)		The Axis (supporting Germany)	
Australia	New Zealand	Italy	Japan
India	Soviet Union		
China	USA		
France	Poland		

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Some More Facts

Over 3.5 million children were **evacuated**.

Rationing lasted until 1954, almost 9 years after the war ended.

Adolf Hitler was the leader of the Nazi party.

Neville Chamberlain was the Prime Minister in 1939.

Anne Frank was a Jewish girl, who was forced into hiding during World War Two. Her diary shows the daily struggles many people faces against the Nazis.

Winston Churchill was the Prime Minister from 1940 – 1945.



'History will be kind to me for I intend to write it.'
Churchill

Below: Remains of a house after a bombing raid during the Blitz



Leaders

1	Adolf Hitler	Leader of the Nazi Party and Chancellor of Germany, 1933 - 1945 (<i>also referred to as the Führer meaning leader</i>)
2	Winston Churchill	UK Prime Minister, 1940 - 1945 (and again from 1951 - 1955)
3	Neville Chamberlain	UK Prime Minister, 1937 - 1940 (<i>infamous for failed attempts to satisfy Hitler's demands prior to the war</i>)
4	Franklin D. Roosevelt	US President, 1933 – 1945 (<i>took the US into the war following the Pearl Harbor attacks</i>)
5	Harry S. Truman	US President, 1945 – 1953 (<i>responsible for the decision to drop Atomic bombs on Japan</i>)
6	Joseph Stalin	General Secretary of the Communist Party and Leader of the USSR, 1929 - 1953

	Date	Key events
1	September 1, 1939	Germany invades Poland
2	September 3, 1939	Britain and France declare war on Germany (<i>start of WW2</i>)
3	January, 1940	Rationing introduced across the UK
4	May to June, 1940	Dunkirk evacuated and France surrenders to Germany Germany uses blitzkrieg to take over much of Western Europe
5	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
6	December 7, 1941	The Japanese attack the US navy in Pearl Harbor. The next day, the USA enters the war fighting with the allies
7	June 6, 1944	D-day and the Normandy invasion. Allied forces invade France and push back the Germans
8	April 30, 1945	Adolf Hitler commits suicide
9	May 7, 1945	Germany surrenders & victory in Europe is declared the next day
10	August 1945	Atomic bombs dropped on Hiroshima & Nagasaki, Japan by the US killing approximately 226,000 people
11	September 2, 1945	Japan surrenders signaling the end of WW2
12	July, 1954	Rationing ends in the UK

World War II in Europe 1939–1941



People of interest:

Winston Churchill



Adolf Hitler



Anne Frank



Vocabulary

Evacuee	A person who is moved away from a place of danger.
Rationing	A fixed amount of food and provisions for people.
Blackout	The turning off of all lights in a city so that bombers can't see their target.
Shelters	A safe place to hide during an air raid.
Air Raid	Military planes sent to bomb an area.
The Blitz	A huge air strike on London over 57 nights.
Gas Mask	A protective mask to prevent breathing in of poisonous gas.
Nazi	A German fighter.
Concentration Camp	A place where Hitler sent groups of people he didn't like to work and die.