

Willow Tree Academy Y6 - How does war change lives?



Key Knowledge

The **Second World War** lasted between **1939-1945**

Britain was called the '**Home Front**', because people felt that they were part of the war. The war affected everyone whether they were on the front line (in Europe) or on the home front (back in Britain). Not everyone went to fight, but women in particular helped in the 'war effort' in some way



Germany Flag



Union Jack flag
(Great Britain)

Timeline- Key Dates

September 1st 1939- Germany invades Poland

September 3rd 1939- Britain and France declare war on Germany (start of WW2)

July 1940 Germany launches air attacks on Great Britain (The Battle of Britain and the Blitz begins)

1944 D-day and the Normandy invasion. Allied forces invade France and push back the Germans

May 7th 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 2nd 1945 Japan surrenders signalling the end of WW2

July 1954 Rationing ends in the UK.

Key People

Adolf Hitler Leader of the Nazi Party and Chancellor of Germany, 1933 - 1945 (also referred to as the Führer meaning leader)

Winston Churchill UK Prime Minister, 1940 - 1945 (and again from 1951 - 1955)

Neville Chamberlain UK Prime Minister, 1937 - 1940

Anne Frank - a Jewish girl famous for writing a diary



Key Vocabulary

Allies - countries including Britain, France, Soviet Union and USA who joined forces to fight against the axis forces

Air raid-an attack by enemy planes dropping bombs

Axis - Germany, Italy and Japan who fought against the allies

Blackout - wartime ban on street lights and other lights at night

The Blitz- German air raids on Britain

Concentration camp- a prison where Jews and other prisoners were kept by the Nazis

Evacuation - the movement of people to a safer place

Holocaust- the mass killing of Jews and other groups of people by the Nazis

Nazi short for National Socialist Party.

Propaganda- controlling news media to show your side in the best way

Rationing- controlling the supply of food and other supplies

Useful spellings

Government
Britain
Europe
Neighbour
Soldier
Foreign
Recommend
Sufficient