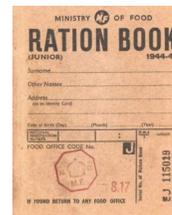


Year 6 Autumn Term Knowledge Organiser

KEY QUESTION: Why is it so difficult to be sure what life on the home front was really like?



During the Autumn Term we will be learning about WW2: Identifying and locating the countries that belonged to the Axis and Allies groups; Researching information about the key Leaders; Finding out about life as an evacuee. As part of the topic, we will be having an evacuee day, where children will come dressed as evacuees, and find out what life would have been like for a child living in England during WW2. Linked to the topic, we will be creating blitz collage pictures and designing and making models of air raid shelters.

WW2 began on September 1st 1939 and continued until September 2nd 1945. The war was a battle between 2 groups of countries the Allies and the Axis. The major Allied Powers were Britain, France, Russia, China and the United States. The major Axis Powers were Germany, Italy and Japan. Germany was led by Adolf Hitler, he wanted Germany to rule Europe and so he invaded Poland and began WW2. Millions of Germans were imprisoned and killed because they didn't fit the image of the 'perfect' German.

Timeline

1933	26th Sep. 1938	March 1939	1st Sep. 1939	1st Sep. 1939	3rd Sep. 1939	1939	7th Jan. 1940
The German people vote Adolf Hitler , the leader of 'The Nazi' party, their new leader.	Gas Masks issued to the people of Britain.	Germany invades Czechoslovakia	Germany invades Poland	Plans made to evacuate children ready for German air attacks.	World War Two Begins Britain and France declare war on Germany.	By September, half a million Anderson shelters had been installed in British gardens.	Rationing Begins
10th May 1940	7th Sep. 1940	10th July 1940	1st June 1941	18th Dec. 1941	6th June 1944	8th May 1945	4th July 1954
Winston Churchill replaces Neville Chamberlain as British Prime Minister.	The Blitz starts. Nearly 2000 Brits are killed or injured in London on the first night alone.	Battle of Britain The Luftwaffe attempt to destroy the British RAF.	British Government introduces rationing on clothing and furniture.	Women called up for war work, jobs such as mechanics, engineers and tank drivers.	D-Day Allied troops land in Northern France for the Battle of Normandy.	VE Day (Victory in Europe)	Rationing Ends! People tear up ration books to celebrate.



This map shows the control the German Nazi party had over Europe during World War 2 - the areas in red were under German Occupation.

WW2 Vocabulary

Axis	Allies	air raid	blackout	blitzkrieg
warden	shelter	RAF	Air Raid Precautions	evacuee
gas mask	military	invasion	concentration camp	Civil Defence
Nazi	propaganda	rationing	refugee	resistance
siren	stirrup pump	Anderson shelter	Morrison shelter	telegram
Luftwaffe	Barrage balloon	Gestapo	soldier	Spitfire
swastika	Home Guard	searchlight	Star of David	Host family

Summer Activities

1. Research your family tree and find out which family members were alive in WW2. Can you find out anything else about them? Did any of them serve in the army?
2. Research rationing and write a menu using those ingredients.
3. Write a song to keep people's spirits up during the war.
4. Draw and explain what 6 things you would want to take with you if you were evacuated.
5. Make a newspaper report of a bombing on your street.
6. Write your name using Morse code. Could you construct a message?



Above are some homework activities. Your child can complete these at anytime.

Any completed homework should be brought into school so it can be shared and displayed.