

Year 6: Spring Term

World War 2 Knowledge Organiser

Map



Timeline	1st September 1939: Hitler invades Poland	May 1940: Neville Chamberlain resigns and Winston Churchill becomes Prime Minister	December 1941: Japanese forces bomb Pearl Harbour in the United States of America.	30th April 1945: Hitler dies.	8th May 1945: VE Day
	3rd September 1939: Britain (Neville Chamberlain) declares war on Nazi Germany.	June 1941: Nazis first invade the Soviet Union (now known as Russia)	6th June 1944: Allied forces land on the beaches in France. This is known as D-Day.	4th May 1945: Nazi Germany surrenders.	August 1945: USA drops the atom bomb on Japan.

Key Leaders and Places

Leader	Country	Continent	Power
Chamberlain (Neville)	United Kingdom	Europe	Allies
Churchill (Winston)	United Kingdom	Europe	Allies
Hitler (Adolf)	Germany	Europe	Axis
Mussolini (Benito)	Italy	Europe	Axis
Roosevelt (Franklin)	United States of America	North America	Allies
Stalin (Joseph)	Russia (then known as the USSR or Soviet Union along with other countries)	Europe / Asia	Axis / Allies

Vocabulary

ally	A country's ally is another country that has an agreement to support it, especially in war
Allies	The Allies were the armed forces that fought against Germany and Japan in the Second World War. They included the United Kingdom, the United States of America and France.
atom bomb	an extremely destructive type of nuclear bomb
Axis	The Axis were the armed forces that fought against the United Kingdom and the United States of America. The major Axis powers were Germany, Italy and Japan.
climate	the general weather conditions that are typical of a place.
German-occupied	countries that were occupied by Nazi Germany. Austria, Poland and France were all German-occupied during WWII.
invasion	to try and take over a place by force
liberate	To liberate a place or the people in it means to free them from the political or military control of another country, area, or group of people
military	relating to or belonging to the army
Nazi	a member of the far-right political party in Germany
occupied	under the control of an occupying military force

What I already know:

Years 1&2

- To learn about the UK's capital city.
- To develop understanding of events that have shaped London's past.
- To sequence British kings and Queens in chronological order.

Years 3,4&5

- To explain how Britain changed during the Stone Age to Iron Age.
- To study the ways of life, beliefs and burial customs of Ancient Egypt.
- To understand about the Roman Empire.
- To research what happened during the Viking invasions and know what Viking warriors were like.
- To compare the expansion of the Greek **empire** with that of the British **Empire** under Queen Victoria.

What I will learn now:

Year 6

- To explain why World War II began and order events from early World War II on a timeline.
- To understand what the blitz was and how it affected people
- To explain what the Holocaust was and describe some events that happened.
- To understand the term propaganda
- To describe how people's diets were different during World War II and answer questions about the implementation of rationing.

What I will learn next:

- To learn about a non-European society that provides contrasts with British history.
- To discover facts about the Maya Civilisation.

What I will learn next:

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