

Topic Vocabulary

Primary source: An artefact or source of information that was created at the time.

Secondary source: Information about a period of history that does not come from that time.

Axis Countries: countries which fought on the German side including Italy, Germany and Japan.

Allied Countries: countries which fought on the British side including the USA, Great Britain, France and Russia.

Nazi: A member of the German political group which came to power in 1933.

Evacuation: Organised movement of children and the vulnerable from towns and cities to safe zones

Evacuee: Someone who was evacuated, moved from a danger area to a safer place.

Blitz: A series of bombing raids on the UK.

Propaganda: Information designed to promote a political idea or opinion.

Useful Weblinks

<https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/history/world-war-ii/>

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/history/general-history/world-war-two/>

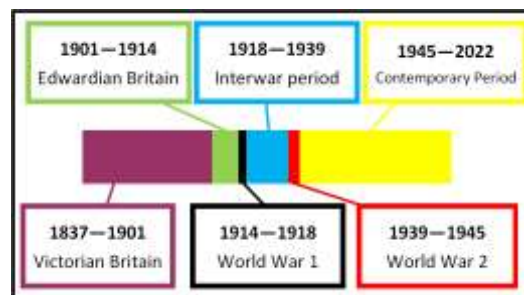
Spring Term

History

Learning Grid for Year 5

World War 2

A timeline from the Victorian era to today (including World War 2):



We can see that World War 2 ended 77 years ago. It lasted for 6 years.

Historical Facts to learn

- World War Two (also known as The Second World War", "WWII" or "WW2") was the period of time between 1939—1945.
- It was a war which involved countries from all over the World forming two opposing military alliances: the Allies and the Axis.
- There were 40,000,000-50,000,000 deaths as a result of War II.
- During WWII, over 3.5 million children were evacuated from the cities to the countryside, where it was believed they would be safer from bombing.
- All evacuees had to take their gas mask, ration book and identity card. When they reached their destination, a billeting officer would arrange a host family for them.
- Henry Moore was an artist famous for his sculptures of people and his drawings. During WWII, he was commissioned by the War Artists Advisory Committee to make drawings of people in London using underground stations as bomb shelters.

Home Learning Challenge Ideas

- Design and make your own gas mask box.
- Pretend you are an evacuee, staying in the countryside. Write a postcard home.
- Use Crazy Talk with a photo of Winston Churchill
- Design your own propaganda poster
- Find a recipe from World War 2 and make it at home.
- Sing WW2 songs. What about learning actions as well - think "Run rabbit, run rabbit, run, run, run".
- Photograph the day using 21st century technology then use editing software to make it black and white or sepia and add effects to make look like old photos

We would love to see any of your own topic work that you choose to do at home so you might do something completely different. We are looking forward to sharing it together and displaying it on the Beechwood Website.

Note: please be aware that many online resources and books about World War 2 mention the holocaust. We do not cover the holocaust at primary school. Please ensure children are supervised when carrying out their internet research.

