

How did WW2 affect people in Britain and around the World?

Key Vocabulary

Air raid shelter	A building or structure designed to protect people from bombs dropped during air raids in WW2.
Atomic bomb	A nuclear bomb which causes extreme damage through heat, blast and radioactivity.
The Commonwealth	The Commonwealth and British Empire was an enormous community of land and people. It included many countries which had been a part of the British empire
Evacuee	A person evacuated from a place of danger such as London in the Blitz during WW2.
Concentration camp	These camps were established by the Nazis during WW2 to hold people prisoner.
Holocaust	A period in history (1939-1945), when millions of Jewish people were murdered by the Nazis because of who they were.
Home Front	The activities of the people in their home countries, which support the military during the war.
Home Guard	The Home guard was created from volunteer men who would defend British shores if an invasion occurred.
Immigrant	A person who comes to live permanently in a foreign country.
legacy	Something important that has been handed down from the past.
Luftwaffe	The German air force.
Nazis	The Nazi Party was a political group that ruled Germany between 1933 and 1945. "Nazi" is a short form of the official name.
Propaganda	The spreading of information in order to influence public opinion and to manipulate other people's beliefs.
Radar	A machine that uses radio waves to find objects like aircraft, ships and rain.
Rationing	Introduced in countries during the war to control the distribution of scarce goods and certain foods.
Windrush	The generation who arrived in Britain from 1948-1971 from Caribbean countries.

Key People



Adolph Hitler-German
Chancellor 1933-1945



Neville Chamberlain
British PM May 1937-May1940



Winston Churchill
British PM May 1940-1945

Key Dates and Events

1939	1 st September	Germany invades Poland
	3 rd September	Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain declares war on Germany.
1940	12 th May	Germany enters France.
	27 th May	340,000 French and British troops are evacuated from Dunkirk.
	10 th July	The Battle of Britain begins.
	7 th September	The London Blitz begins.
1941	22 nd June	Germany invades the Soviet Union.
	7 th December	The Japanese attack Pearl Harbour in Hawaii.
	8 th December	USA declares war on Japan.
1944	11 th December	USA declares war on Germany and Italy.
	6 th June	D-Day-British and US troops land in Normandy.
1945	8 th May	Britain celebrates VE day (Victory in Europe).
	6 th August	The first atomic bomb is dropped on Hiroshima by USA.
	2 nd September	Japan formally surrenders. World war II is over.

Second World War Who's Who

The Allies

Great Britain, Russia, United States of America, France, China

Remember that all the countries who were part of the Commonwealth or under British rule were also Allies.

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The Axis

Nazi Germany, Italy, Japan