

SMRP Knowledge Organiser for Year 5: World War II



What was life like for an evacuee in WWII?

History Knowledge

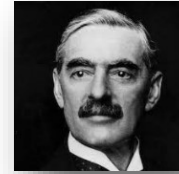
- World War II started after Germany began invading Czechoslovakia and Poland.
- Neville Chamberlain warned Adolf Hitler that if he did not stop a war would begin. Adolf Hitler said he would stop but he did not. Neville Chamberlain announced that the United Kingdom was at war with Germany on 3rd September 1939.
- The United Kingdom's main allies were the United States of America, China and the Soviet Union (Russia). However, other allies joined us during the war: France, India, Canada and Australia.
- All children (who lived in cities) were evacuated to different parts of the countryside (without their parents) so that they would be safe until the war ended.
- On the 8th May 1945, Germany announced their surrender and victory had been won in Europe.



Key People

Neville Chamberlain

UK Prime Minister, 1937 – 1940.
He reluctantly led the United Kingdom to war with Germany.



Winston Churchill

UK Prime Minister, 1940 – 1945.
He led the United Kingdom to win the war against Germany.

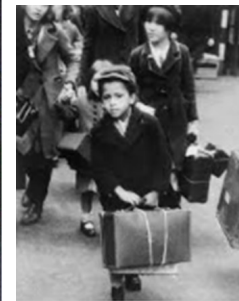


Adolf Hitler

Leader of the German political party – the Nazi party. 1933 – 1945.



Bristol evacuee
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History Vocabulary

Word	Definition
Allied Forces	A group of countries who worked together during the war
Evacuee	Someone who was deemed vulnerable e.g. children or expecting mothers and were moved out of the city to live.
Nazi	A German political party led by Adolf Hitler
Rationing	System of controlling food and other resources when they were in short supply
Consequence	The result of an action.
Interpret	Explain the meaning of .

Timeline of events

3rd September 1939:
Chamberlain announces war.

January 1940:
Rationing begins in the UK

7th September 1940:
Blitz attacks begin in London

24th November 1940:
Blitz attacks begin in Bristol

6th June 1944:
D-Day begins.

7th May 1945:
Germany surrenders.

8th May 1945:
Churchill announces Victory in Europe

June 1945:
Children begin to return to cities

July 1954:
Rationing ends in the UK