

History: Year 6 – World War II

Enquiry Question: How did World War II change the lives of people in Britain and around the world?

Skills

- I can put key events of World War II in chronological order.
- I can ask historical questions and use evidence to answer them.
- I can use and compare different historical sources.
- I can explain causes, consequences and changes during World War II.
- I can explain why important events were significant and use evidence to support my ideas.

Key Facts

World War II was a war between many countries around the world from 1939 to 1945.

Britain went to war after Germany invaded Poland in 1939.

During the Blitz (1940–41), German planes bombed British towns and cities.

The Battle of Britain was an important turning point that helped Britain continue fighting.

World War II ended in 1945, and VE Day celebrated the end of the war in Europe.

Timeline

War Begins	Evacuation	Battle of Britain	The Blitz	VE Day	World War II Ends
Germany invades Poland.	Children move to safer areas.	Britain wins an important air battle.	British cities are bombed.	War ends in Europe.	The war ends worldwide.
1939	1939	1940	1940–41	8 May 1945	1945
					

Key Vocabulary

 Allies	The countries that fought together against Germany during World War II.	 Luftwaffe	The German air force during World War II.
 Evacuation	Moving people from dangerous areas to safer places.	 Radar	A system used to detect enemy aircraft.
 Blitz	German bombing attacks on British towns and cities.	 VE Day	Victory in Europe Day, marking the end of the war in Europe in 1945.
 Appeasement	A policy used to avoid war by giving in to some of another country's demands.	 Legacy	The lasting impact left behind by people or events.

