



History Knowledge Organiser

Year 6

WW2 (1939 - 1945)



Key Concepts

Conflict- warfare/invasion

Society – role of women and lives of children

Battle of Britain: 10th July 1940

Germany bombed Great Britain in order to try and destroy their air force and prepare for invasion. Britain fought back well, so Germany bombed Britain's largest cities.

On 15th September, 1940 Germany launched a large bombing attack on the city of London, but the RAF shot down many of their planes. Radar allowed the British to know when and where German planes were coming to attack. This gave them time to get their own planes in the air to help defend and win the battle.



The leaders during WW2:

Adolf Hitler: Leader of the German Nazi Party

Neville Chamberlain: British PM at the start of WW2

Winston Churchill took over as British PM in 1940

Josef Stalin: Leader of the Soviet Union (a Communist country)

Benito Mussolini: PM of Italy (a Fascist country in WW2)

Evacuation

To save lives, millions of mothers, children and disabled people were moved out of the industrial cities into the safety of the countryside.



Key Knowledge

Air raids

Air raids occurred throughout the war. An air raid was a bombing strike from the air. The British air force (the RAF) and German air force (called the Luftwaffe) were involved, and both countries suffered heavy casualties during the air raids.



Gas Masks

Everyone in Britain was given a gas mask in a cardboard box, to protect them from gas bombs, which could be dropped during air raids. 38 million gas masks were given out by September 1939.



Women's roles:

- Keeping children safe
- Growing food at home
- Wartime Factory Worker
- The Women's Land Army
- The forces



Key Vocabulary

Spelling

Definition

Evacuee

Someone who has been sent away from a dangerous place to somewhere safe

Invade

When a foreign army enters an area by force

Siren

Provide an emergency warning to the general population of approaching danger

Rationing

A system of limiting the amount of something that each person is allowed to have