



World War Two

During this topic, children will have the opportunity to use a variety of different sources to find out what life was like during World War Two. They will learn about the changes that effected everybody like rationing, the home front and evacuation as well as learning about the reasons behind the war.

WWII lasted six years and one day.

WWII began on September 1st 1939.

WWII ended on September 2nd 1945.

The war began when Germany invaded Poland.

Germany was led by Adolf Hitler - the leader of the Nazi party.

Key Events

1939 September 1	Germany invades Poland. World War II begins.
1939 September 3	France and Great Britain declare war on Germany.
1940 May 30	Winston Churchill becomes leader of the British government.
1940 July 10	Germany launches an air attack on Great Britain. These attacks last until the end of October and are known as the Battle of Britain.
1944 June 6	D-day and the Normandy invasion. Allied forces invade France and push back the Germans.
1944 December 16	The Germans launch a large attack in the Battle of the Bulge. They lose to the Allies sealing the fate of the German army.
1945 May 7	Germany surrenders to the Allies

Important Vocabulary

Spelling	Definition
allies	to unite or connect in a formal alliance.
chronological	according to the sequence in which things happen
Nazi	a member of the National Socialist German Workers' Party which controlled Germany under Hitler from 1933 to 1945
prejudice	an opinion, judgment or preference formed without knowing the facts
invade	to enter as an enemy, by force, in order to conquer or plunder
Primary source	original first-hand accounts of an event, topic or historical time period