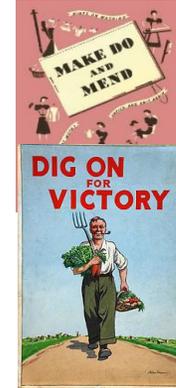


World War Two: KS2 Knowledge Mat

Subject Specific Vocabulary

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| Allies | Countries which fought on the British side (including: USA, Great Britain, France, Russia (1941-1945)) |
| Evacuee | Someone who was evacuated, moved from a danger area to a safer place (<i>normally from the cities to rural areas</i>) |
| Black Out | System of ensuring no lights were visible after dark so that buildings could not be spotted by enemy planes |
| Rationing | The controlled distribution of scarce resources (<i>mainly food & clothing</i>) |
| Air Raid Shelter | A building to protect people from bombs dropped by planes Anderson Shelter: Made of corrugated iron. Usually at the end of the garden Morrison Shelter: Metal cage used inside the house. Could double as a kitchen table |
| Trenches | A long, narrow ditch used for troops to shelter from enemy fire or attack |
| Axis | Countries which fought on the German side (including: Italy, Germany, Japan, Russia (1939-1941)) |
| Blitz | Series of aerial bombing raids on the UK, mainly cities including London, Bristol & Nottingham |
| Nazi | A member of the fascist German political party which came to power in 1933. Symbol = swastika |
| Luftwaffe | The German Air Force (responsible for the Blitz) |
| Propaganda | Information, especially of a biased or misleading nature, used to promote a political cause or point of view. |



Exciting Books



Sticky Knowledge about World War Two

The War became a global conflict after the German military, led by Adolf Hitler, invaded [Poland](#) in 1939 because he wanted to take some of their land for [Germany](#). [France](#) and Britain declared war on Germany because they didn't think what Germany was doing was right, then [Italy](#) joined with Germany, and gradually other countries in Europe and around the world became involved with either the Allies or the Axis powers.

World War II involved many countries around the globe fighting against each other, including the UK. It lasted six years, from 1939-1945.

British Prime Ministers during World War II were Neville Chamberlain until 1940, then [Winston Churchill](#).

The Battle of Britain, between the German Luftwaffe and the Royal Air Force, was the first ever battle to be fought only in the air. It was made up of lots of air battles that lasted from 10 July to 31 October 1940.

World War II ended in Europe on 8 May 1945 – this is also known as VE Day (Victory in Europe Day).

World War II carried on for a few months after it ended in Europe, and officially ended when Japan formally surrendered to the Allies on 2 September 1945 (also called VJ Day).

