Blue Coat History Knowledge Organiser

Year Group: 6	Themes: Conflict, Location, Society	Period of History: WW II	Strand: Post 1066 Period

Where

Allies
Axis
Changed allegiance

Summary

The Second World War was the most deadly conflict the world has ever seen By the end of the conflict, approximately 50 million people had been killed, and the political and social organisation of the world was changed forever. The Second World War is one of the most significant events in history, and its influences are still felt in daily life today.

Key Dates

Year	Date	Event
1939	1st September	German troops invade Poland.
1939	3rd September	Britain and France declare war on Germany.
1940	10th May	The Battle of France begins.
1940	26th May	Allied forces are evacuated from Dunkirk in France.
1940	10th July	The Battle of Britain begins.
1940	7th September	The Blitz begins.
1941	22nd June	Germany invades the USSR (Soviet Union).
1941	7th December	Japan bombs Pearl Harbor in the US.
1943	16th and 17th May	The Dambusters bombing raid is carried out.
1944	6th June	The D-Day landings.
1945	7th May	Germany surrenders to the Allies.
1945	6th and 9th August	The US drops atomic bombs on two cities in Japan.

Key Vocabulary

Spelling	Definition
Nazi	A political party in Germany, who started WW2 and the Holocaust, led by Adolf Hitler
Blitz	When a city (like London) was bombed heavily
Holocaust	The deliberate mass murder of Jews and political prisoners by the Nazi
Evacuated	Removed from a dangerous place
Propaganda	Communication used to influence the opinions of others
Rationing	limiting the amount of food, water or fuel
Allies	The United Kingdom, France and Poland, later joined by other countries, including the USSR (Soviet Union), the United States of America and China.
Axis	The Axis Powers were originally Germany, Japan and Italy. Other countries joined them later.

Significant people

Name	Picture	Country	Power
Adolf Hitler		Nazi Germany	Axis
Neville Chamberlain		Great Britain	Allies
Winston Churchill		Great Britain	Allies