

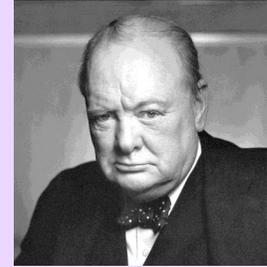
Vocabulary

Word	Meaning
air raid shelter	A building made to provide protection from air raids
Air Raid Wardens	A person who kept a look out for German bombers and sounded the Air-Raid Sirens.
allies	A group of countries joining together.
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.
Battle of Britain	A battle in which the Royal Air Force defended Britain.
The Blitz	Nigh time air raids on UK towns and cities by German aircraft.
evacuation	Being moved from your city in order to be safe
gas mask	Worn for protection from toxic gases.
invade	Using power in order to attack other countries
Nazi Party	A German political party with racist and anti-Jewish ideas, led by Adolf Hitler.
rations	Food and water that are given out fairly to make sure there was enough for everyone
The Blackout	People turned down their lights at night and covered over their windows to prevent being spotted by German fighter planes.

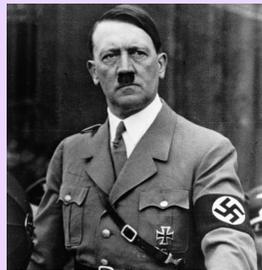
History



Neville Chamberlain—Prime Minister of Britain at the start of World War II



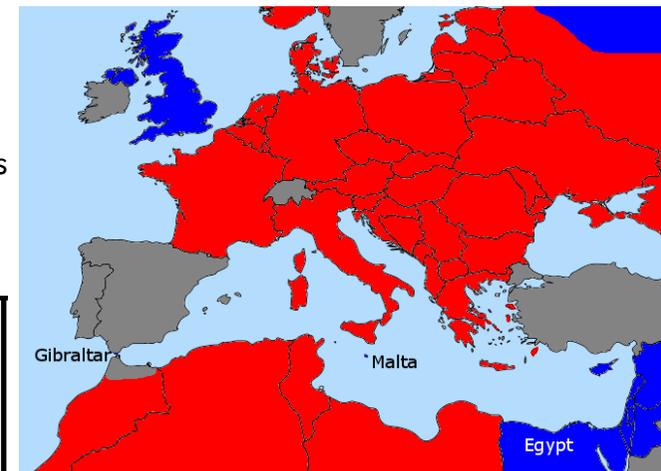
Winston Churchill—Prime Minister of Britain at the end of World War II.



Adolf Hitler—Leader of Germany who was the leader of the Nazi party.

Key Facts about World War II

- World War I ended in 1918, Germany had to give up land and was banned from having armed forces.
- 1933 the German people voted for a leader named Adolf Hitler, who led a political party in Germany called the National Socialists or Nazis.
- Friday 1st September, 1939, German forces invaded Poland.
- A total of 1.25 million Germans soldiers swept into Poland
- The Second World War was started by Germany in an unprovoked attack on Poland. Britain and France declared war on Germany after Hitler had refused to stop his invasion of Poland.



The red areas on this map show all the countries that were invaded at some point during World War II by the Nazis.

Evacuation

During the war, cities were bombed which made the countryside a safer place to live. Families had to send their children to live with other families in the countryside and not all children liked it there. They had to stay until the war was over.

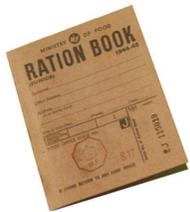


World War II

World War II—Timeline



Rationing



As the war went on the Government was worried that we would run out of food so rationing was introduced. This meant that people could only buy small amounts of foods and there was not very much choice. Everyone had a ration book to keep track of what they bought.

People had to make their food last a lot longer and had to come up with unusual recipes because they could not get the ingredients they needed.

There were no bananas during the war and people had to eat powdered eggs.



The Blitz



During The Blitz, German aircraft dropped thousands of bombs on towns and cities across Britain. An air raid siren would sound to let people know that the bombing was about to start. It would sound again to let people know it was finished.

To keep safe, people hid in air raid shelters. Lots of people built air raid shelters in their gardens. They were very basic inside and not very comfortable. Lots of damage was caused to cities all over Britain and many people's homes were destroyed.



Extending your learning

5 things you could do at home to extend your learning:

1. Visit the RAF Museum in Hendon or the Imperial War Museum in London.
2. Compare and contrast the different types of air raid shelters—which was the best?
3. Research 5 favourite facts about World War II and make a "Did You Know..." booklet.
4. Find out how World War II affected Harrow—what was life like for children at Pinner Park during the war?
5. Make a model of a World War II aircraft, tank or war ships.