

Knowledge Map: World War Two

Date	Key events
September 1, 1939	Germany invades Poland
September 3, 1939	Britain and France declare war on Germany (start of WWII)
January, 1940	Rationing introduced in UK
May to June, 1940	Dunkirk evacuation, France surrenders and Germany takes over most of Western Europe
July, 1940	Germany launches air attacks on Great Britain
22 June 1941	Germany launch Operation Barbarossa
December 7, 1941	Japanese attack Pearl Harbour. USA declare war on Japan the next day
June 6, 1944	D-Day
April 30, 1945	Adolf Hitler commits suicide
May 7, 1945	Germany surrenders
August 1945	Atomic bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki
September 2, 1945	Japan surrenders, ending WWII

	Term	Definition
1	Allies	Countries which fought on the British side (including: USA, Great Britain, France, Russia (1941-1945))
2	Evacuee	Someone who was evacuated, moved from a danger area to a safer place (normally from the cities to rural areas)
3	Black out	System of ensuring no lights were visible after dark so that buildings could not be spotted by enemy planes
4	Rationing	The controlled distribution of scarce resources (mainly food & clothing)
6	Axis	Countries which fought on the German side (including: Italy, Germany, Japan, Russia (1939-1941))
7	Nazi	Member of the fascist German political party which came to power in 1933. Symbol = swastika
8	Blitz	Series of aerial bombing raids on the UK, mainly cities including London, Bristol & Nottingham
9	Holocaust	Mass murder of Jews and other groups of people by the Nazis
10	Fascism	Right wing political view associated with not allowing opposition and total control by a dictator.
11	Blitzkrieg	Translated as 'lightning war'. German quick strike invasion of Western Europe
12	Luftwaffe	The German Air Force (responsible for the Blitz)
13	Enigma	A machine used by the Nazis to send coded messages

Leaders		
1	Adolf Hitler	Leader of the Nazi Party and Chancellor of Germany, 1933 - 1945 (also referred to as the Führer meaning leader)
2	Winston Churchill	UK Prime Minister, 1940 - 1945 (and again from 1951 - 1955)
3	Neville Chamberlain	UK Prime Minister, 1937 - 1940 (infamous for failed attempts to satisfy Hitler's demands prior to the war)
4	Franklin D. Roosevelt	US President, 1933 - 1945 (took the US into the war following the Pearl Harbor attacks)
5	Harry S. Truman	US President, 1945 - 1953 (responsible for the decision to drop Atomic bombs on Japan)
6	Joseph Stalin	General Secretary of the Communist Party and Leader of the USSR, 1929 - 1953

