

Knowledge Organiser for Year 6 History- WWII



Key idea: Investigate the events surrounding the 2nd World War. Develop an understanding of what life was like and the impact the war on people's lives both during and after the war.

Tier 3 Vocabulary		Timeline	
Axis Powers- The countries who fought against the Allies- they wanted more land and power		11 th Nov 1918	Germany surrender/end of WW1
Allies Powers- The countries who fought against the Axis		29 th Sep 1938	Munich Agreement- Nazi Germany are located a portion of Czechoslovakia
Blitz- The bombing attacks on GB by the Germans		1 st Sep 1939	Germany invades Poland
Evacuee- A child sent to live in the countryside for safety		3 rd Sep 1939	Great Britain, France and their Allies declare war on Germany
Rationing- Food and other supplies were 'rationed' meaning that you could only purchase a certain amount of items using tokens from your ration book		April 1940 – June 1940	Germany invades European countries
Refugee- the men, women and children (Jews) who were forced from their homes in German territory, they sought safety in neighbouring countries.		10 th May 1940	Winston Churchill elected Prime Minister of GB
Invasion- Forcefully taking over another country		10 th July – 1 st Oct 1940	The Battle of Britain is fought in the air about the south coast of England and the English Channel. The London Blitz begins
Chancellor- The person in charge		7 th -11 th Dec 1940	Japan bombs Pearl Harbour, Hawaii. USA declare war on Japan, Germany and Italy
Home Guard- were volunteers who defended the five thousand miles of Britain coastline in the event of an invasion by Germany		6 th June 1944	D-Day. British, Canadian and US Troops land in Normandy France.
The Holocaust- was the persecution and murder of six million Jews by the Nazi regime and its collaborators		8 th May 1945	Britain celebrates the victory in Europe (VE day)
Tier 2 Vocabulary		6 th Aug 1945	First atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima, Japan by USA
Evaluate	Compare	1 st Sep 1945	Japan surrenders. WWII officially ends.
Analyse	Discuss	Did you Know?	
Interpret	Describe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WWII was a battle between two groups of countries- The Allied Powers and the Axis Powers. The major allied powers were Britain, France, Russia, China and the USA. The major Axis powers were Germany, Italy and Japan. • Together with the Nazi party, Hitler wanted Germany to rule Europe. To gain more land and power, on the 1st Sep 1939 German troops invaded Poland. After Hitler refused to stop the invasion, Britain and France declare war on Germany-WWII had begun. • The bombing of London, known as the blitz lasted for 57 consecutive nights. Hitler wanted to quash the British spirits so they would surrender. • The battle of Britain was the first military campaign fought solely in the air. • Both e allies and the axis powers used propaganda posters to boost the moral at people at home and those fighting. It was also used to decrease the moral of the enemy. • The USA didn't join the war until 1941 when Japan attacked the US- at the naval base at Pearl Harbour in Hawaii. • The atomic bomb dropped by the US on Hiroshima was known as 'Little Boy' and is the only nuclear weapon used in battle. It ended the war. 	
Key Figures			
Neville Chamberlin	British Prime minister (1937-1940)		
Winston Churchill	British Prime Minister (1942-1945 and 1951-1955)		
Adolf Hitler	Chancellor of Germany (1933-1945)		
Charles De Gaulle	Led French Resistance against Nazi Germany		
Franklin D Roosevelt	President of USA (1933-1945)		
Benito Mussolini	Italian Prime Minister (1922-1943)		
Josef Stalin	Led the Soviet Union (Mid 1920s-1953)		
Talking points to discuss at home- why does humanity embark upon acts of war?			
Who led the war? Why did the war begin? What were the main events of WWII? What was life like in Britain during WWII? How far would you go to protect your way of life? Should we always believe what we are told in the media? Would you have gone to war?			

