

## Timeline of WW2

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| 1  | 28 <sup>th</sup> June 1919      | Treaty of Versailles.                                                                                            |
| 2  | 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan 1933       | Hitler is appointed chancellor of Germany.                                                                       |
| 3  | 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept 1939       | Hitler invade Poland.                                                                                            |
| 4  | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept 1939       | Britain and France declare war on Germany.                                                                       |
| 5  | 10 <sup>th</sup> May 1940       | Holland and Belgium are attacked and invaded by Germany using 'Blitzkrieg'. Germany overpowers France.           |
| 6  | 13 <sup>th</sup> May 1940       | Chamberlain resigns and Winston Churchill becomes prime minister.                                                |
| 7  | 27 <sup>th</sup> May- June 1940 | Battle of Dunkirk- British and French forces are forced to retreat. 338, 226 men are rescued.                    |
| 7  | July- Oct 1940                  | Battle of Britain. Hitler sends the Luftwaffe to eliminate the Royal Air Force. RAF successfully defend Britain. |
| 8  | Sept 1940- May 1941             | The Blitz- Many British towns bombed by the Luftwaffe. Britain also bomb German cities.                          |
| 9  | 22 <sup>nd</sup> June 1941      | Hitler invades Russia even though he had promised not to do so.                                                  |
| 10 | 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec 1941        | Japan attacks USA by bombing Pearl Harbour in Hawaii. USA enters the war the next day.                           |
| 11 | 1942- 1944                      | Battles and bombings across Europe. Allies begin to take control.                                                |
| 12 | 6 <sup>th</sup> June 1944       | D-Day. Allies launch huge attack on Germany in Normandy and take back France.                                    |
| 13 | 8 <sup>th</sup> May 1945        | VE Day. After Germany offers an unconditional surrender, Victory in Europe is celebrated.                        |

## The Two Sides

|   |            |                                                                                                                        |
|---|------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 | The Allies | Britain, France, The Soviet Union, USA, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, India, China and other Commonwealth Countries. |
| 2 | The Axis   | Germany<br>Italy, Japan.                                                                                               |

## Important People

|   |                      |                                                                  |
|---|----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 | Adolf Hitler         | Leader of the Nazi Party and Dictator of Germany.                |
| 2 | Neville Chamberlain  | Prime Minister of Great Britain.                                 |
| 3 | Winston Churchill    | Prime Minister of Great Britain (1940-1945).                     |
| 4 | Joseph Stalin        | General Secretary of Soviet Union (1922-1953).                   |
| 5 | Bennito Mussolini    | Prime Minister of Italy (1922-1945).                             |
| 6 | Franklin D Roosevelt | President of the USA (1932-1945).                                |
| 7 | Dwight D Eisenhower  | General of US army. Led the D-Day invasion. President. 1953-1961 |
| 8 | Hideki Tojo          | President of Japan (1941-1944).                                  |

## Vocabulary

|    |                  |                                                                                                    |
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| 1  | Appeasement      | A political strategy to try and prevent war by giving an aggressor what they want.                 |
| 2  | Blitzkrieg       | Lightning War. Light tanks, planes and infantry attack together with speed and surprise.           |
| 3  | Luftwaffe        | German Air Force.                                                                                  |
| 4  | Nazi Party       | Political Party led by Adolf Hitler.                                                               |
| 5  | General election | An election in which all or most members of a given political body are chosen to rule the country. |
| 6  | Foreign policy   | A government's strategy for dealing with other nations.                                            |
| 7  | Evacuation       | Leaving a place- usually home- to be safe.                                                         |
| 8  | Rationing        | A government initiative introduced to ensure that food was shared equally.                         |
| 9  | Economy          | A countries use of money, resources, and means of production.                                      |
| 10 | Liberation       | The action of setting someone free from imprisonment, slavery, or oppression; release.             |