

Timeline of WW2

1	28 th June 1919	Treaty of Versailles
2	30 th Jan 1933	Hitler is appointed chancellor of Germany
3	1 st Sept 1939	Hitler invade Poland
4	3 rd Sept 1939	Britain and France declare war on Germany
5	10 th May 1940	Holland and Belgium are attacked and invaded by Germany using 'Blitzkrieg'. Germany overpowers France.
6	13 th May 1940	Chamberlain resigns and Winston Churchill becomes prime minister.
7	27 th 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 nd June 1941	Hitler invades Russia even though he had promised not to do so.
10	7 th 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 th June 1944	D-Day. Allies launch huge attack on Germany in Normandy and take back France.
13	8 th 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 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)
	Dwight D Eisenhower	General of US army. Led the D-Day invasion. President 1953-1961
7	Hideki Tojo	President of Japan (1941-1944)

Vocabulary

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