



History – The Second World War



Cause and Effect – understanding the effect and impact of historical events.

Vocabulary

- **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.
- **Nazi party:** A German political party with racist and anti-Jewish ideas, led by Adolf Hitler.
- **Propaganda:** Information designed to promote a political idea or opinion.

Lesson 1 – Can I explain how the Second World War started?

Lesson 2 – Can I explain how the German army advanced across Europe?

Lesson 3 – Can I consider how it would feel to be an evacuee?

Lesson 4 – Can I explain what the Battle of Britain was?

Lesson 5 – Can I explain how the war ended?

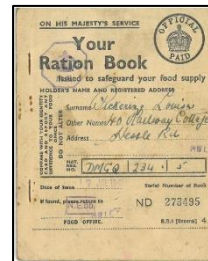
Lesson 6 – Can I recognize how Britain was rebuilt?

Key Events

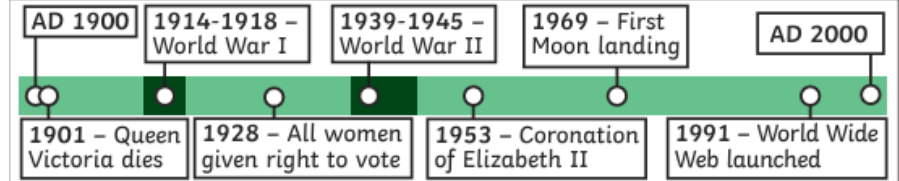
1939	1 st September	German troops invade Poland.
	3 rd September	Britain and France declare war on Germany.
1940	10 th May	The Battle of France begins.
	26 th May	Allied forces are evacuated from Dunkirk in France.
	10 th July	The Battle of Britain begins.
	7 th September	The Blitz begins.
1941	22 nd June	Germany invades the USSR (Soviet Union).
	7 th December	Japan bombs Pearl Harbor in the US.
1943	16 th and 17 th May	The Dambusters bombing raid is carried out.
1944	6 th June	The D-Day landings.
1945	7 th May	Germany surrenders to the Allies .
	6 th and 9 th August	The US drops atomic bombs on two cities in Japan.

Rationing

Rationing meant that each person was only allowed a fixed amount of foods. Ration books were issued, with coupons that showed people how much of each item they were allowed.



Timeline



How did the War start?

The leader of Germany, Adolf Hitler, had plans to take over other countries. Hitler invaded Poland on 1st September 1939. Britain, France and Poland had made a pact to support each other, so Britain and France declared war on Germany.



Evacuation

During World War II, over 3.5 million children, along with some of their teachers, were evacuated from the cities to the countryside, where it was believed they would be safer from bombing. All evacuees had to take their gas mask, ration book and identity card. When they reached their destination, a billeting officer would arrange a host family for them.



The Role of Women

Before the war, most women stayed at home and didn't go out to work. However, when men were called up for active service, women were needed to do jobs such as making weapons, driving buses and trains or working in engineering or shipbuilding.

