

How did World War Two begin?

Year 5/6

What I have already learnt: think about our Remembrance services at the monument in Hollingbourne to remember those who lost their lives in the First World War.

Future learning: In secondary school history, you will learn lots about different wars all over the world, Knowledge of WWII learning will help you with future understanding.

Empire - understand that the King is the head of state, however the UK is run by the political party in power - the Prime Minister is the 'leader' of the country who makes all the political decisions.

Civilisation - understand the differences between different Axis and Allies and which countries were on which side.

Parliament - decision making about whether or not to go into war was made by a number of politicians and subsequent decision making, for example, The Treaty of Versailles was discussed and agreed with many other countries.

Understand why The Battle of Britain was a key turning point in the War.

Key vocabulary:

The Blitz (Blitzkrieg) - a period of intense bombing during WWII

The RAF & The Luftwaffe - British & German air force

The Nazi Party - an organisation founded by Adolf Hitler

Swastika - emblem used by The Nazis in WWII

Evacuation - women and children were 'sent away' from areas that were key targets.

The Treaty of Versailles - an agreement made by the allies to 'punish' Germany for WWI.

Rationing - where food is limited dependant upon the number of people in each household.

Concentration camp - where persecuted people are held as prisoners in harsh conditions.

The Allies - a group of countries who are on the same side as Great Britain (friends).

The Axis - a group of countries fighting against Great Britain (enemies).



Neutral countries (these were countries that stayed out of the war and did not take a side): Sweden, Switzerland, Ireland, Vatican City, Lichtenstein, Afghanistan, Saudi Arabia...

Winston Churchill



Axis countries:

Germany, Italy, Japan, Romania, Hungary, Slovakia, Bulgaria

Allied countries: Great Britain, France, Australia, United States, Greece, Canada, Belgium, India, Poland, South Africa, USSR, Yugoslavia, China and many more...



Adolf Hitler