

What should I already know?

- How to use a timeline
- Some knowledge of WW key dates
- Knowledge of leaders of countries in WW2

Historical Skills:

- Place current study on a timeline in relation to other studies and sequence events
- Use relevant dates and terms
- Write an explanation of a past event in terms of cause and effect using evidence
- Use a range of sources to find out about an aspect of time
- Know key dates, characters and events of time studied

Key Vocabulary and Definitions:

Adolf Hitler	Dictator of Nazi Germany.
Allied Forces	Great Britain and the Commonwealth countries, USA, France, Russia
Antisemitism	Prejudice against the Jewish people.
Battle of Britain	The Royal Air Force defending the UK from Nazi air attacks.
The Blitz	German bombing campaign against the UK in 1940-41.
D Day	Allied forces landing in France to on 6 June 1944.
Evacuation	To process of transporting children and others to rural areas.
Invade	To enter a region by force.
Nazi	The political party in charge of Germany during WW2.
Occupy	To take control and hold a country by military conquest.
Rationing	To allow each person to have a fixed amount of food from the shop.
Winston Churchill	The Prime Minister of UK

Teaching Sequence

1. To explain why WW2 began by evaluating the events on a timeline leading up to the outbreak.
2. Understand the life of an evacuee and write a letter home
3. Describe how the diets during WW2 differed to our own due to rationing
4. Understand how the role of women changed throughout WW2
5. Explain what the holocaust was and the affect on the Jewish people in Europe
6. Research and present findings from a key battle during WW2

Key Knowledge

Second World War Timeline

**1933 January 30** - Adolf Hitler becomes Chancellor of Germany. His Nazi Party, or the Third Reich, takes power and Hitler is essentially the dictator of Germany.

**1936 October 25** - Nazi Germany and Fascist Italy form the Rome-Berlin Axis treaty.

**1936 November 25** - Nazi Germany and Imperial Japan sign the Anti-Comintern Pact. This was a pact against communism and Russia.

**1937 July 7** - Japan invades China.

**1938 March 12** - Hitler annexes the country of Austria into Germany. This is also called the Anschluss.

**1939 September 1** - Germany invades [Poland](#). World War II begins.

**1939 September 3** - France and Great Britain declare war on Germany.

**1940 April 9 to June 9** - Germany invades and takes control of Denmark and Norway.

**1940 May 10 to June 22** - Germany uses quick strikes called blitzkrieg, meaning lightning war, to take over much of western Europe including the Netherlands, Belgium, and northern France.

**1940 May 30** - Winston Churchill becomes leader of the British government.

**1940 July 10** - Germany launches an air attack on Great Britain. These attacks last until the end of October and are known as the Battle of Britain.

**1940 September 22** - Germany, Italy, and Japan sign the Tripartite Pact creating the Axis Alliance.

**1941 June 22** - Germany and the Axis Powers attack Russia with a huge force of over four million troops.

**1941 December 7** - The Japanese attack the US Navy in Pearl Harbor. The next day the US enters World War II on the side of the Allies.

**1942 June 4** - The US Navy defeats the Japanese navy at the Battle of Midway.

**1942 July 10** - The Allies invade and take the island of Sicily.

**1943 September 3** - Italy surrenders to the Allies, however Germany helps Mussolini to escape and set up a government in Northern Italy.

**1944 June 6** - D-day and the Normandy invasion. Allied forces invade France and push back the Germans.

**1944 August 25** - Paris is liberated from German control.

**1944 December 16** - The Germans launch a large attack in the Battle of the Bulge. They lose to the Allies sealing the fate of the German army.

**1945 April 30** - Adolf Hitler commits suicide as he knows Germany has lost the war.

**1945 May 7** - Germany surrenders to the Allies.