

**Prior knowledge**  
**Year 5- Victorians-** the Victorian era ends in 1901 with the death of Queen Victoria. In the following 43 years before the start of WWII, Europe has experienced WW1.  
**Year 4- Anglo-Saxons and Vikings-** understanding invasion and link to WW2  
**Year 3- Romans** - understanding of the term empire in relation to the Romans and link to Nazi Germany attempting to create an empire

**Enquiry question:**  
 What impact did WW2 have on the people of Britain?

**Evacuation**

- Over 3.5 million children were evacuated to the countryside to keep them safe from enemy attacks on towns, cities and ports.
- Different children had different experiences of **evacuation**.

**Key Questions**

**Question 1:** What can we learn by studying historical artefacts?  
**Question 2:** What information can we infer about a person from historical artefacts?  
**Question 3:** Why did Britain have to go to war in 1939?  
**Question 4:** Why was it necessary for children to be evacuated and what was evacuation really like?  
**Question 5:** How was Britain able to stand firm against the German threat?  
**Question 6:** How did people manage to carry on normal life during the war and how do we know?  
**Question 7:** Why is it so difficult to be sure what life on the Home Front was really like?  
**Question 8:** What was VE day really like?

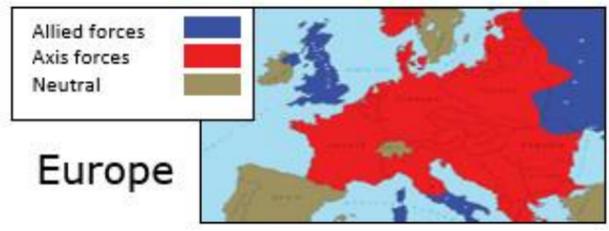


**The Blitz**

- The Blitz**= Lightning War
- It was a series of bombing raids on the cities and ports of Britain by the Luftwaffe (German Air Force) from September 1940- May 1941

**The Home Front**

- Blackout**- every bit of light had to be extinguished in order to avoid guiding enemy's aircraft
- Air Raid wardens enforced the Blackout and kept the population safe
- Three types of air raid shelter- Morrison, **Anderson** and public shelters
- Everyone carried a **gas mask**
- Food and other goods were in short supply so **rationing** was in place
- People were asked to 'dig for victory' and 'make do and mend'
- Propaganda** (information, sometimes of a bias nature) was used to increase support for Allied forces



**Holocaust**  
 Adolf Hitler and the **Nazi** party hated Jewish people and during the war tried to kill as many Jews as possible. This was known as the Holocaust and about 6 million men, women and children were killed.



Timeline										
1939	1939	1940	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1945	1945
On 1 <sup>st</sup> September Germany invades Poland	On 3 <sup>rd</sup> September England declares war on Germany	10 <sup>th</sup> May Winston Churchill replaces Neville Chamberlain as Prime Minister	12 <sup>th</sup> May German forces enter France	USA declares war on Italy & Germany	British troops win back North Africa	Italy surrenders to the Allies	6 <sup>th</sup> June D-Day landings on Normandy beaches	Hitler commits suicide	Atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima on 6 <sup>th</sup> August	Japan surrenders on 2 <sup>nd</sup> September and the end of war declared

Key Vocabulary: Anderson shelter, annexed, blackout, Blitz, declare, evacuation, gas mask, Nazis, propaganda, rationing