

# St Peter's Anglican Methodist VC School

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## What was it like to live during World War 2?

### I already know...

The chronology of British history

Key dates of WW2

Knowledge of The Home front

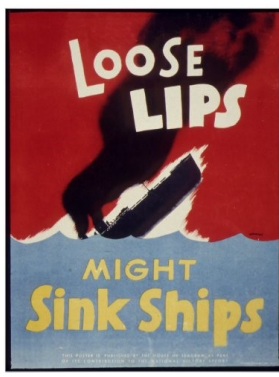
Features of rural and urban areas in the UK

Characteristics of London

The location of countries within Europe and worldwide

### Key Concepts...

- The Cause of WW2
- The Home Front
- The Front Line



### Key Vocabulary...

air raid	An attack by armed planes
ally	Joining forces with another person
The Allies	Britain, France, USA, Australia
Axis Group	Germany, Italy, Japan
blitz	An intense military attack
campaign	An organised course of action
Chamberlain	British Prime Minister 1937 - 1940
Churchill	British Prime Minister 1940 - 1945
evacuate	Remove from a place of danger
Hitler	Leader of Nazi Germany
invasion	An uninvited incursion
liberate	To free from oppression
Luftwaffe	The Nazi Air Force
military	Soldiers or armed forces
Nazi	German political party 1920 - 1945
occupied	Taken control of by the military
rationing	A fixed amount of supplies
warden	Responsible for supervising a place

### World War 2 Timeline...

#### The Phoney War Sept 1939 - April 1940

**Sep 1939** Germany invades Poland. Britain and France declare war on Germany - Start of World War 2

#### Blitzkrieg April 1940 - June 1940

Dunkirk evacuated (UK troops rescued from beaches) and France surrenders to Germany. Germany uses 'blitzkrieg' to take over much of Western Europe

#### Britain and Empire Alone July 1940 - June 1941

**July 1940** Germany launches air attacks on Britain. Germany, Italy and Japan signed the Tripartite Pact creating an alliance

#### The Tide Turns 1941 - 1943

**June 1941** Hitler invades Russia in Operation Barbarossa but was defeated

**Dec 7 1941** Japanese attack US Navy Pearl harbour. Dec 8 USA enters war, with the allies

**1942** Americans defeat Japanese B. of Midway. Russians defeat Nazis B. of Stalingrad. British won B. of El-Alamein (Egypt)

#### Victory 1943 - 1945

**June 6 1944** D-Day and the Normandy Invasion. Allied forces invade France and push back the Germans, incl bombing German cities

**April 1945** Russians advanced to Eastern Europe, Berlin. Adolf Hitler commits suicide

**May 7 1945** Germany surrenders and victory in Europe is declared - VE DAY

**August 1945** Atomic bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan by the US killing 226,000 people

**Sept 2 1945** Japan surrenders signalling end of WW2 - VJ DAY

# Curriculum Links...

## History

Significant historical people linked to WW2

Science and Engineering advancements – weapons and transport

Major conflicts: Dunkirk, The Battle of Britain, The Resistance, Prisoners of War, The Holocaust

The Home Front: Dig for Victory, Evacuation, The Home Guard, The Blitz.

## Geography

UK Counties and Regions

Location of Countries within Europe including Germany

World mapping navigation

Local OS maps and 6fig coordinates

Compass directions

Rural locations

Islands and coastlines

## DT/Art

Model Air Raid Shelters

Cooking

Henry Moore

## MATHEMATICS

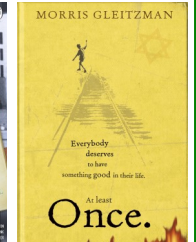
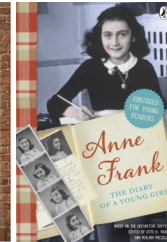
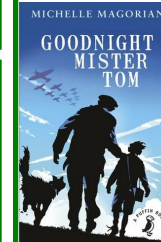
Decimalisation / metric vs imperial

Measuring linked to rationing

## WRITING OUTCOMES

Narratives linked to Rose Blanche and Goodnight Mr Tom.

## Book Hooks



## World War II in Europe 1939–1941



## Links to further investigate

<https://www.iwm.org.uk/>

<https://www.annefrank.org/en/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/ztvckqt>

Axis



Adolf Hitler



Hideki Tojo



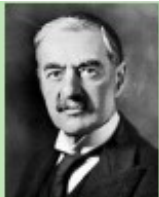
Emperor  
Hirohito



Benito  
Mussolini



Allies



Neville  
Chamberlain



Winston  
Churchill



Joseph  
Stalin



F. D.  
Roosevelt



Charles de  
Gaulle



Harry  
Truman



William King  
Robert Menzies



Michael Savage

