

Lest We Forget – Knowledge Organiser



WWII



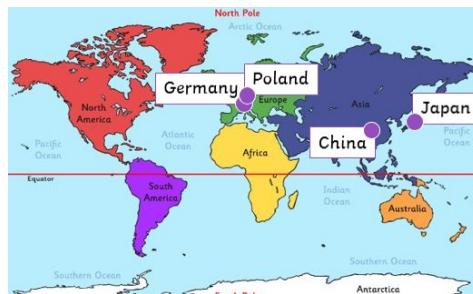
World War 2 began on 1st September 1939 and ended on 2nd September 1940. On 1st September Adolf Hitler, the leader of Germany, sent his soldiers to invade Poland because he wanted to claim more land for Germany. On 3rd September 1939 Britain declared war on Germany.

Axis and Allied powers

The war was fought between two groups of countries.



In 1937 Japan attacked China and in 1939 Germany invaded Poland. This is how WW2 began.

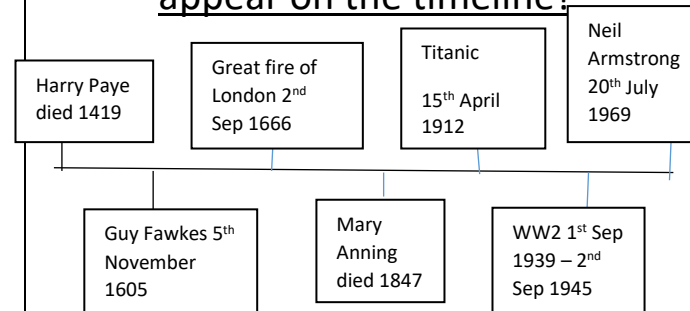


The Home Front

During World War II, the support and actions of the civilians in Britain made a crucial impact on the eventual success of the allies. People on the home front contributed to the war effort in many different ways.



Chronologically, where does WW2 appear on the timeline?

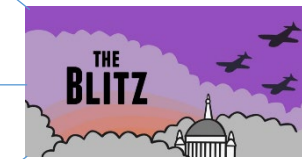


The Blitz

Cities included London, Birmingham, Cardiff and Belfast.

German planes bombed UK cities.

Targeting ports and factories.



Children were evacuated to the countryside.

People stayed safe in air raid shelters or public spaces like the underground.

Daily blackouts would happen to make it harder for Germans to spot cities.

Vocabulary	Definition
World War 2	The world war that took place from 1 st September 1939 – 2 nd September 1945.
allies	Countries that helped each other during the war.
axis	The axis powers were opposed by the allied powers.
Home front	People that worked at home to support the war.
War effort	The activities of people in their home countries to support the military during the war.
The Blitz	The intense bombing of cities during the night in Britain by German soldiers.
evacuee	A person evacuated from a place of danger.
rations	Distribution of food and goods so that everyone got their fair share.
invade	An armed force entering a country to occupy it.
commemorations	Remembering the significance of an event.