

World War II—The Battle for Britain

How was Britain under threat?



Key Vocabulary

Allied Powers	A name given to Britain, the Soviet Union, France and the USA.
Axis Powers	A name given to Germany, Italy and Japan.
Invasion	Bringing armed forces into another country to intimidate or attack.
Dictatorship	A system of government in which an individual is given total power and must be obeyed by all people at all times.
Radar	Radars could pick up incoming enemy aircraft at a range of 80 miles.
Ally	An alliance is an agreement to help each other in times of war. A countries allies are on its side and must battle against common enemies.
Rationing	A system that restricts people's right to buy more than a designated amount of certain foods.
Evacuation	A system for removing children from industrial cities likely to be bombed; children were moved to safe zones, usually in the countryside.
Air Raid	An attack in which bombs are dropped from aircraft on to a ground target.

Second World War Who's Who

The Allies



Great Britain



Russia
Union of Soviet Socialist
Republics



United States of
America



France



China

Remember that all the countries who were part of the Commonwealth or under British rule were also Allies.

Who were their leaders?



Neville Chamberlain was Prime Minister of the UK when war broke out. He was then replaced by Winston Churchill.

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The Axis



Nazi Germany



Italy



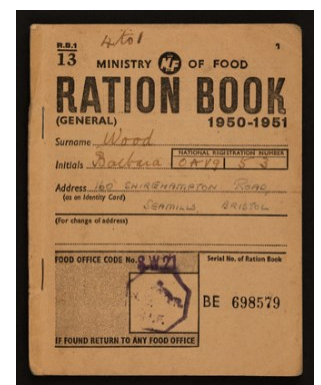
Japan

These three countries signed an allegiance in September 1940 called the Tripartite Pact. They were later joined by Hungary, Romania, Slovakia, Bulgaria and Yugoslavia who all wanted protection from the Russian armies.

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Adolf Hitler was Germany's Führer during Second World War.



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Key End Points



WW2 was fought between 1939-1945

The war was fought between two sides: The Allied Powers (including the UK, the Soviet Union, France, USA) and Axis Powers (including Germany, Italy, Japan)



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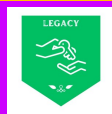
War broke out when Hitler invaded Poland, an ally of Britain and France.



The Battle of Britain was a series of air attacks and was won by Britain and the RAF.

The Battle Of Britain caused Hitler to call off his planned invasion of Britain.

The Battle of Britain was the turning point in WW2 as it showed that Germany could be stopped.



Primary historical sources can be used to tell us about WW2 including interviews, eye witness accounts, newspaper reports, photographs, posters and artefacts.



The government issued rationing to make sure there was enough food for everyone.

The government evacuated many children from the cities to the countryside to be safe from aerial raids.



The period of bombing of cities by the German army was known as the Blitz.

