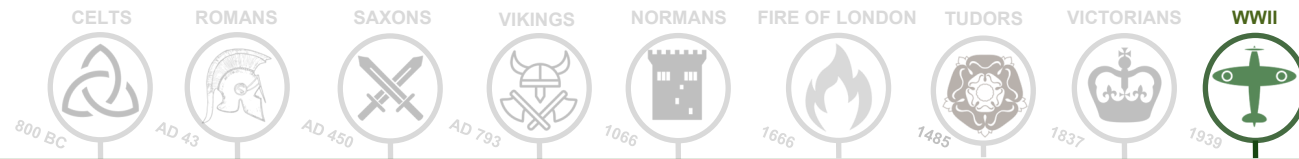


Year 6: Europe at War!

BRITISH HISTORICAL CONTEXT



WHO?



WAR AT HOME:

Rationing

- The UK imported around 1/3 of its food from overseas.
- German U Boats began to sink ships bringing food to Britain.
- Some foods and goods began to be rationed such as butter, sugar, meat, tea and clothes - rationing lasted from 1940-1954 (10 years after the end of the war).

The Blitz & Evacuation

- The Blitz lasted from September 1940-May 1941.
- Thousands of people were killed in targeted cities and factories.
- V1 and V2 Bombers used by the Germans were so quiet people didn't hear them coming.
- Both British and German children were evacuated to the countryside, so they were safer. These were known as evacuees.

KEY VOCABULARY

	AIR-RAID: an attack by enemy aircraft, usually dropping bombs. Sirens were used to warn people.		BLITZKRIEG: an intense military campaign using surprise attacks by the German Luftwaffe.		PROPAGANDA: information of a biased or misleading nature, used to promote a political cause.
	ALLIES: the nations that fought together against Germany in WW2. (Britain, France, Poland, USA).		DEMOCRACY: a system of government where everyone is entitled to a vote or opinion		RATION BOOK: an official document entitling the holder to a ration of food or clothes etc.
	AXIS: a coalition led by Germany, Italy & Japan that fought against the allied nations.		EVACUEE: a child removed from dangerous towns and cities to the countryside.		REPARATION: the act of making amends for a wrong by providing payment
	BARRAGE BALLOON: a large balloon anchored to the ground serving as an obstacle to low flying enemy aircraft		NEUTRAL: having no allegiance or support towards any other nation.		SURRENDER: the act of giving up and relinquishing control over to another power.
	BILLETING OFFICER: a person whose job was to find suitable houses for evacuees.		PRISONER OF WAR: a person who has been imprisoned by the enemy in war.		TOTALITARIAN: a system of government whereby a dictator makes all decisions.

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