

World War 2—Knowledge Organiser

World War II lasted six years, from **1939—1945**. It involved many countries around the globe fighting against each other, including the UK and its empire. Millions of people died during the war and life was very difficult for people all around the world. Today we mark special days to remember the many millions of people who fought and died during the war.

The Allies (Supporting Britain)		The Axis (Supporting Germany)	
Australia	New Zealand	Italy	Japan
India	The Soviet Union	Hungary	Bulgaria
China	USA	Romania	
France	Poland		

Key Vocabulary

Evacuee	A person who is moved away from a place of danger.
Rationing	A fixed amount of food and provisions (clothes etc) available for people during and after WW2.
Air Raid	Military aeroplanes sent to bomb an area (such as London).
Shelter	A safe place to hide during an air raid.
The Blitz	A huge air strike on London spread over 8 months in 1940—1941
The Battle of Britain	A battle spread over 3 months in 1940 in which the British air force defended Britain from German bombers.
Propaganda	Spreading messages, mostly through the media (newspapers, radio) to give your message to people (may not always be true).
Blackout	Wartime ban on street lights and other lights during WW2 so planes could not see where to bomb.

WW2 Leaders

Allies



UK—Winston Churchill



Soviet Union—Joseph Stalin



USA—Franklin Roosevelt

Axis



Germany—Adolf Hitler



Japan—Hideki Tojo



Italy—Benito Mussolini

Some more facts

Over 3.5 million children in Britain were evacuated.

Rationing lasted until 1954, almost 9 years after the war ended.

Adolf Hitler was head of the political party called the Nazi party.

Neville Chamberlain was the prime minister before Winston Churchill until 1939.

Anne Frank was a Jewish girl who was forced into hiding in Amsterdam during WW2, Her diary shows the daily struggles ordinary people faced from the Nazis

Winston Churchill was the prime minister from 1940 until 1945. He was voted out as soon as the war was won.