

The Home Front Knowledge Organiser

Key Facts

World War II lasted from 1939 to 1945. It was a battle between two groups of countries- the "**Ally Powers**" (*Britain, France, the United States, China and Russia*) and the "**Axis Powers**" (*Germany, Italy and Japan*).



Adolf Hitler and the German Nazi Party invaded Poland on 1st September 1939 to gain more political power. When Hitler refused to stop the invasion, Britain and France declared War on Germany- the beginning of World War II.

The evacuation of children out of cities to the countryside started two days before war was even



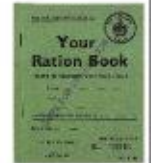
Evacuees were taken to the railway station by their parents or guardians, and sent off with a label attached to their clothing and a gas mask to carry. They could only take a small suitcase with minimal belongings.



Due to supply shortages during WWII, rationing was introduced to make sure that everybody got an equal amount of food every week.

Rationing lasted for 9 years after the war was over- it didn't end until July 1954.

Each citizen was given a ration book. Food such as milk, meat, eggs cheese and sweets were rationed. However, some foods such as fruit and vegetables were not.



Key Vocabulary

The Home Front- the people who do not fight at war but stay in the country to work
Evacuate- the act of moving people to a place of danger to a safer place
Propaganda- ideas that present only on side of an argument to gain political support
Allotment- a small area of land used to grow fruit and vegetables.
Ration- a fixed allowance of food, fuel etc. when there are supply shortages
Ally- a country that has agreed to help another country at war

Key Questions

What do you know about WWII?
How long ago was World War II?
How did life change during the war?
What is evacuation and why did it happen?
What was life like for evacuees?
Where did evacuees go?
What was rationing?
What is an allotment?
What was the impact of the war on our local area?
How did feelings change during the war time period?
How did people celebrate the end of World War II?

Key Skills

Use timelines to show key events in WWII.
Write letters to show understanding about the life of an evacuee.
Make rationing books in the style of those from WWII.
Plan and make a WWII rations meal.
Paint wartime landscapes using watercolours.
Design a WWII allotment.
Learn and perform a wartime dance.
Use computer software to re-create radio propaganda.