

Year 6 History

Is War Ever Right?

Prior learning

Throughout Primary school, you have learnt about The Windrush, which was the ship, which brought 492 Black people to Britain, to help rebuild the country after the war.

Future learning

In Key Stage 3, you will learn about other wars Britain have fought in, including World War 1, The Seven Years War and The Hundred Years War.

In this topic you will:

- Learn about how World War Two started.
- Discover what life in Britain was like during the war, including the role of women, the experiences of evacuated children and the experiences of soldiers from The British Empire.
- Reflect on how Adolf Hitler changed life in Germany for different societal groups.
- Learn what The Holocaust was.
- Identify the ways Britain rebuilt the country after the war, including The arrival of The Empire Windrush.

A Timeline of this Period in History

1st September 1939	German soldiers invade Poland
3rd September 1939	Neville Chamberlain declares war on Germany Canada, Australia, France and South Africa declare war on Germany.
10th May 1940	Germany attacks Western Europe.
10th May 1940	Winston Churchill becomes British Prime Minister
22nd June 1940	France surrenders to Germany
7th September 1940	The London Blitz begins
10th July 1940	The Battle of Britain begins.
7th December 1941	The Japanese attack Pearl Harbour in Hawaii.
30th December 1945	Adolf Hitler commits suicide
7th May 1945	Germany surrenders to the Allied forces
8th May 1945	Britain celebrates VE (Victory in Europe) day.
2nd September 1945	Japan formally surrenders - The Second World War ends.

Key Vocabulary

Prime Minister	The leader of an elected government.
Neville Chamberlain	The British Prime Minister who declared war on Germany.
Winston Churchill	The British Prime Minister who served as leader through World War 2.
Axis Powers	The alliance between Germany, Italy and Japan during World War Two.
Allied Powers	The alliance between Great Britain, France, the Soviet Union, the United States and China.
Adolf Hitler	The dictator, who led Germany during World War Two.
Dictator	Ruling with total power over a country.
The Holocaust	Slaughter of people on a mass scale.
The Blitz	The German bombing campaign of Britain.
Nazi	The anti-Semitic political party associated with Adolf Hitler.
Invade	To enter and occupy a country.
Evacuation	The action of moving people to a safer place during the war.
Propaganda	Information used to promote a political point of view.

