

---- How did Britain defend itself against the German threat in WW2? Knowledge Organiser ----



Key Vocabulary		
Air raid		An attack by enemy planes dropping bombs
Allies		The countries that fought against Germany and the other Axis Powers
Axis		The countries that fought against Great Britain and the other Allies Powers
Evacuation		Moving people from dangerous areas to safer places.
Invasion		When an army or country uses force to enter and take control of another country or area.
Occupied		Taken over by enemy forces.
Propaganda		Information, especially of a biased or misleading nature, used to promote a political cause or point of view.
Rationing		Controlling the supply of food, clothes, petrol and other products to avoid or reduce shortages.

3 rd September 1939 Britain declared war on Germany – September 1945 WW2 officially over			
The main Axis and Allies		Allies Great Britain, France, United States, Soviet Union and China	Axis Germany, Italy, Japan
The Battle of Britain / The Blitz		During WW2, the leader of Germany, Adolf Hitler, planned to invade Britain using air raids to cause lots of damage and casualties. Britain defended itself by using anti-aircraft guns, air raid shelters and blackouts.	
Evacuation		Mostly children (others included pregnant women / those with very young children) were moved from the cities (danger of bombing) to the countryside as it was safer. Families would look after them and their experiences were all very different.	
Women in WW2		When men went to fight, women were called upon to fill their jobs, and this included many jobs that were previously thought of unsuitable for women. These included being mechanics, engineers, driving ambulances and fire engines as well as being air raid wardens.	
Propaganda		This was mainly done through posters to get the message from the government across. Propaganda was used to encourage people to fight, support the war cause, obey rationing rules and to help those in need.	

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1066 AD

British History

Bronze Age in Britain: 2500BC-800BC

Iron Age in Britain: 800BC-43AD

Romans: 43 - 410 AD

Anglo Saxons: 410 – 1066 AD

Vikings: 793 – 1066 AD

WW2: 1939-1945 AD

World History

Ancient Egyptians: 3100-330 BC

Ancient Greeks: 2200BC-146BC

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