

# Upper Key Stage Two History Topic – World War II



## Timeline of Key events

1939	1940	1940	1941	1941	1943	1944	1945	1945	1945
3 <sup>rd</sup> September England declares war on Germany	10 <sup>th</sup> May – Churchill replaces Chamberlain as Prime Minister	10 <sup>th</sup> July – 31 <sup>st</sup> October Battle of Britain	7 <sup>th</sup> December the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor	USA declares war on Italy and Germany	Italy surrenders to the Allies	6 <sup>th</sup> June D-Day landings on Normandy beaches	16 <sup>th</sup> August – 2 <sup>nd</sup> May Battle of Berlin	Hitler commits suicide	2 <sup>nd</sup> September Japan surrenders and the end of war declared

## Key Vocabulary

evacuation	To move people from a dangerous place to a safer place
rationing	To allow each person the same/fixed amount of something.
Allies	When countries are on each other's side and help each other e.g. in a war.
civilians	An everyday person who is not in the armed forces or in the police force.
liberate	To help someone or something to be free.

## Important Facts

WWII	1 <sup>st</sup> September 1939 – 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 1945
How many lives were lost	Around 70 million
Allies	Great Britain, France, Soviet Union, China and USA
Axies	Germany, Italy and Japan
The Holocaust	The mass-murder of millions of Jews

## Influential People during WW2

### Neville Chamberlain

British Prime Minister from 1937 – 1940



### Winston Churchill

British Prime Minister from 1940 – 1945, then again from 1951-1955.



### Adolf Hitler

German dictator during WWII and leader from the Nazi Political Party.



### Benito Mussolini

Italian dictator during WWII. Joined forces with Hitler as one of the Axis powers.



### Joseph Stalin

Leader of the Soviet Union during WWII.



### Joseph Goebbels

German Nazi politician and Reich Minister of Propaganda of Nazi Germany from 1933-1945.



### Anne Frank

One of the most discussed Jewish victims of the Holocaust whose diary is famous worldwide.

