

Core Knowledge

- World War II lasted 6 years (1939 – 1945).
- 61 countries involved. Millions of soldiers and civilians lost their lives.
- Chamberlain announced that Britain was at war with Germany on 1st Sept 1939 following Germany invading Poland.
- Chamberlain resigned in 1940 and Churchill became Prime Minister of the UK.
- Countries that fought in WWII were divided into two sides: the Allies and the Axis.
- Food had to be rationed during WWII as Germany tried to cut off supplies of food and other goods.
- The Government introduced ration books with coupons to ensure everyone had a fair share of supplies.
- People were encouraged to grow their own food – Dig for Victory campaign.

Home Learning

Wartime recipes – Throughout WWII, rationing and low food supplies meant that people had to cook with the ingredients that they had available.

- Research some common **WWII recipes** and then have a go at making one of the dishes to enjoy.

For example; pumpkin soup, trench stew, pear crumble, cottage pie, bubble and squeak, bread pudding or cheese and spam hash. Remember, eggs were particularly in short supply during WWII. This encouraged people to cook eggless recipes such as eggless cake and eggless sponge!

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Operation Pied Piper ~ Children being evacuated in 1939.

Key Vocabulary

- Nazis
- Civilians
- Axis
- Allies
- Scarce
- Imperial
- Metric
- Allotment
- Evacuee
- Rural
- Host family
- Munitions
- Ammunition
- Arsenal
- Sources
- Interpretation
- Bias
- Blackout
- Propaganda
- Morale
- Concentration Camps
- Genocide
- Persecution
- Kristallnacht
- Spitfire

Domain Themes

- *Outbreak of War*
- *Allies, Axis and Leaders*
- *Rationing*
- *Evacuation*
- *Bridgend during WWII*
- *Sources*
- *The Blitz*
- *Protection during WWII*
- *Propaganda*
- *Holocaust*
- *VE Day*



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- Children were evacuated from cities to the countryside during WWII.
- Rural towns and countryside would not have been targeted by German bomber planes and so they were safer.
- Bridgend was a significant town during WWII, primarily for two things: Prisoner of War Camp and the largest munitions factory.
- Primary sources - original first-hand accounts.
- Secondary sources - second-hand account that interprets primary sources.
- The period of 1940-41 was known as the Blitz.
- Everyone had to carry a small box with a gas mask inside at all times during WWII.
- Propaganda is a way of spreading ideas and influencing people.
- 6 million Jews were killed during the Holocaust.
- VE Day marked the formal conclusion of the war with Germany.