

A Child's War (WW2)

1934 19th August—Adolf Hitler becomes the leader of Germany.	1939 1st September—The Second World War begins when Germany invades Poland.	1940 8th January—rationing starts. 7th September—The Blitz begins.	1941 10th May—The Blitz ends.	1944 6th June—Allied troops land in Normandy to free western Europe from German control (D Day).	1945 January—Allied forces begin to free prisoners of war from camps. 15th August—Japan surrenders. The Second World War ends. 24th October—The United Nations is created to make sure a world war doesn't happen again.	1954 4th July—Rationing ends in Britain.
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Vocabulary	Definition
Allied Powers	Countries (including Britain, France, the Soviet Union and the USA) that united to fight the Axis Powers.
Axis Powers	Countries (including Germany, Italy and Japan) that united to fight against the Allied Powers.
evacuee	A child or vulnerable adult who was sent away from a city to live in the countryside.
civilians	A person who was not in the police or armed forces.
concentration camps	A place where large numbers of people, especially Jews, were held and often killed.
Nazi	A follower of Adolf Hitler, leader of the Nazi party.
invade	To enter or occupy a country by force.
persecute	To treat someone cruelly or unfairly.
rationing	The limited supply of food, clothes and other goods to prevent shortages.
propaganda	Biased news, media and communication, used to influence people's opinions.
surrender	To stop resisting to an enemy (usually used during times of war)
The Blitz	The intense and sudden bombing of British cities.
air raid shelter	Sometimes called 'Anderson shelters' they were made from corrugated steel panels with soil spread over the top. People used them to escape bombs.

Who Were the Key leaders?

Allied leaders

Winston Churchill
Prime Minister of Great Britain



Charles de Gaulle
President of France



Joseph Stalin
Leader of the Soviet Union



Franklin D Roosevelt
President of the United States



Axis leaders

Adolf Hitler
Leader of Germany



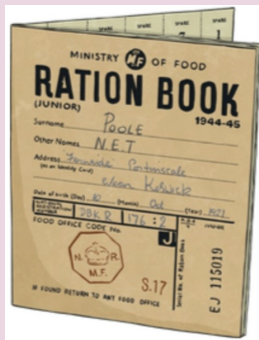
Benito Mussolini
Prime Minister of Italy



Michinomiya Hirohito
Emperor of Japan



What was rationing?



During the war, there was a shortage of some foods so rationing was introduced. This meant that each person could only buy a certain amount of each food each week. Everyone was given a ration book to show how much they were allowed to buy each week. Rationed foods included: butter, sugar, milk, cheese and bacon.

Why were children evacuated?



Children evacuated from Bristol arrive at Brent station near Kingsbridge in Devon, 1940

German planes dropped bombs on British cities in an attempt to destroy factories, dockyards and airfields but homes and schools were also hit. The government decided to evacuate children from the cities to the countryside where they would be safer.

What was The Blitz?



The Blitz is the name for the bombing of British cities and sirens were sounded to warn people. They used air raid shelters (which were sometimes in their gardens) to escape the bombs.