

# How did WW2 impact Britain?

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?

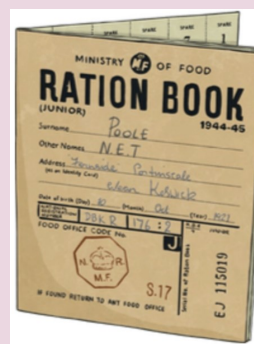
Allied leaders	Axis leaders
Winston Churchill Prime Minister of Great Britain	Adolf Hitler Leader of Germany
Charles de Gaulle President of France	Benito Mussolini Prime Minister of Italy
Joseph Stalin Leader of the Soviet Union	Michinomiya Hirohito Emperor of Japan
Franklin D Roosevelt President of the United States	

## Why were children evacuated?



Due to the threat of bombing of British cities, the government decided to evacuate children from large cities to the countryside where they would be safer. A billeting officer met them in the village and took them to their host families.

## What was rationing?



As war began, there was a shortage of some foods because the trade ships bringing in supplies to the country had been sunk, 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. Rationed foods included: butter, sugar, milk, cheese and bacon.

## What was impact of The Blitz?



The Blitz is the name for the intense bombing of British cities. Sirens were sounded to warn people. They used air raid shelters (which were sometimes in their gardens) to escape the bombs. After the war had finished, many homes had to be re-built, and new towns were created to help house people.