# History Knowledge Organiser
# Year 5/6 - World War II

British Value Links:
Mutual respect, tolerance and diversity,
Individual liberty, Democracy

## OVERVIEW

The Second World War was the most deadly conflict the world has ever seen.
It brought into opposition the countries of the Allies (France, Great Britain, the United States and the Soviet Union) and the Axis powers (Germany, Italy and Japan). By the end of the conflict, approximately 50 million people had been killed, and the political and social organisation of the world was changed forever. The end of the war saw Communism growing in the east and a significant shift in power towards the United States in the west. The Second World War is one of the most significant events in **Quick summary** history, and its influences are still felt in daily life today.

## Timeline

## WHAT SHOULD I ALREADY KNOW
### (links to previous learning)

- Conflict between Vikings and Anglo-Saxons
  - Egyptian and Roman conflict
- Conflicts between Spain and England
- Conflict in Ancient Greece/Trojan War
  - Monarchs during Tudor times

## KEY PEOPLE

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|---|---|
|  | Winston Churchill |
|  | Neville Chamberlin |
|  | Joseph Goebbels |
|  | Adolf Hitler |
|  | Anne Frank |
|  | King George VI |
|  | Queen Elizabeth II |

## MAIN EVENTS

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| **1914 - 1918** | World War I |
| **1939 1st Sept** | Germany invaded Poland |
| **1939 3rd Sept** | Britain and France declare war on Germany |
| **1940 26th May** | Evacuate from Dunkirk |
| **1940 10th July** | The Battle of Britain begins |
| **1941 22nd June** | Hitler invaded Russia |
| **1941 7th December** | USA enter the war |
| **1942** | Auschwitz – mass killings began |
| **1944 6th June** | D-Day |
| **1945 30th April** | Hitler committed suicide and Germany surrender |
| **1945 6th,9th August** | Pearl Harbour then USA dropped atomic bombs on Japan – Japan surrendered |

## KEY LOCATIONS

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| France<br>Great Britain<br>United States of America<br>Poland<br>Japan<br>Italy<br>Germany<br>Soviet Union | Dunkirk<br>London<br>Auschwitz<br>Amsterdam |

## STICKY KNOWLEDGE
(What we will know by the end of the topic)

1. How did World War II Start? (Who, What, Where, Why, When)
2. Allies and Axis (Nazis)
3. Propaganda (Auschwitz, "Careless talk costs lives")
4. Woman and Evacuees (Dig for victory, land army, artillery factories)
5. Weapons (Battle of Britain, land air sea, aeroplanes, atomic)
6. Impact – Rationing, Women's lives
7. Impact – Housing and Welfare state, Formation of the united nations.



World War II in Europe 1939–1941

## STICKY VOCABULARY

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| **communism** | A political belief system |
| **Evacuation** | Removal to a place of safety |
| **Propaganda** | Communication used to influence the opinions of others |
| **Amphibious** | Forces landing from the sea |
| **Blitz** | When a city was bombed heavily |
| **Holocaust** | Deliberate mass murder of jews and prisoners by the Nazis |
| **Legacy** | Things left behind from the past |
| **Declaration** | Official announcement |
| **Rationing** | Limiting amount of food, water and fuel |
| **Allies** | Countries who worked together during the war towards the same cause |
| **United Nations** | Organisation that resolves conflicts and creates positive relationships between nations |
| **Civilian** | A person not in the armed services |
| **Axis** | The Axis Powers were originally Germany, Japan and Italy. Other countries joined them later. |
| **Nazis** | A member of a German political party. |
| **Messerschmitt** | German plane during WW2 |
| **Spitfire** | British plane during WW2 |
| **Atomic** | Power produced by splitting atoms. |
| **Luftwaffe** | German air force that fought the RAF in the Battle of Britain. |