



## Knowledge Organiser: World War II

Key knowledge	
<b>Key Dates</b>	<p><b>1918:</b> The Treaty of Versailles - ending WW1</p> <p><b>1933:</b> The Nazi Party (led by Adolf Hitler) came to power in Germany.</p> <p><b>1938:</b> German troops invaded Austria.</p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> September 1939:</b> German troops invaded Poland.</p> <p><b>3<sup>rd</sup> September 1939:</b> Britain declared war on Germany because they had invaded Poland. The Second World War started.</p> <p><b>July-October 1940:</b> The Battle of Britain - attacks on British towns, cities and ports from the German air force.</p> <p><b>September 1940- May 1941:</b> The Blitz attacks. German bomber planes attacked Britain at night.</p> <p><b>8<sup>th</sup> May 1945:</b> Victory Day in Europe (VE Day) - the day the war officially ended.</p>
<b>Allies</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Great Britain</li> <li>• USA</li> <li>• Russia</li> <li>• France</li> </ul>
<b>Axis</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Germany</li> <li>• Japan</li> <li>• Italy</li> </ul>
<b>Key/Famous Figures</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Neville Chamberlain</li> <li>• Winston Churchill</li> <li>• Franklin D Roosevelt</li> <li>• Adolf Hitler</li> <li>• Joseph Stalin</li> <li>• Benito Mussolini</li> <li>• Anne Frank</li> </ul>

Key vocabulary	
<b>Blitz</b>	Attacked by bombs dropped by enemy aircraft
<b>Causation</b>	The process of causing something to happen or exist
<b>Chronology</b>	Time order, a list of events in the order in which they happened
<b>Conquest</b>	The act of gaining control/winning a country, area, or situation
<b>Evacuate</b>	To send someone to a place of safety, away
<b>Holocaust</b>	The killing of millions of Jews by the Nazis
<b>Interpretation</b>	To understand (something) in a specific way
<b>Invasion</b>	When a foreign army enters a country by force
<b>Primary Evidence</b>	Original records of historical periods or events made by people during an event
<b>Rationing</b>	A system during World War 2 to limit the amount of food you were allowed to buy.
<b>Secondary Evidence</b>	A document or recording that writes or speaks about information created later by someone who not experience first handed the events or conditions.
<b>Significance</b>	Meaningful, important
<b>Tactics</b>	The science and art of disposing and manoeuvring forces in combat
<b>Treaty</b>	A written agreement between two states

### Know how to...

Extending chronological knowledge, exploring how previous events impacted WW2.

Developing understanding through the use of range of resources

Identifying events over time period and beyond

Developing ability to devise historically valid questions about cause and significance.