

Summer 1 Year 8 - WWII – Knowledge

Term	Definition
Allies	Countries which fought on the British side (including USA, France, Russia and USA).
Evacuee	Someone who was evacuated (moved from a danger area to a safer place e.g. countryside).
Black Out	System of ensuring no lights were visible after dark so that enemy planes could not spot them.
Rationing	The controlled distribution of scarce resources (mainly food and clothing).
Air Raid Shelter	A building to protect people from bombs dropped by planes.
Axis	Countries which fought on the German side (including Italy and Japan).
Blitz	Series of aerial bombing raids on the UK.
Kindertransport	The operation to evacuate Jewish children from Nazi-controlled areas of Europe.
VE Day	Victory in Europe day – Germany's surrender of its armed forces.
Propaganda	Information used to promote a political cause of point of view (posters and radio adverts).
D-Day	The day of Operation Overlord where the allies invade the beaches at Normandy
Atomic Bomb	A nuclear fission bomb which was used on the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki
Holocaust	Systematic, state-sponsored murder of 6 million Jewish people by the Nazi Government of Germany
Resistance	Fighting back against oppression or something you don't agree with

Event	Date
Start of WWII	1 st September 1939
End of WWII	2 nd September 1945
VE Day	8 th May 1945



What was the

At first, only single women aged 20-30 were called up, but by mid-1943, almost 90% of single women and 80% of married women were working in factories, on the land or in the armed forces. Women did a wide range of jobs which pre-war were considered jobs for men: land army, factory work, pilots, engineers, mechanics and many more.



Churchill

Roosevelt

Stalin

Hitler

Mussolini

Hirohito