

Sholing Junior School - History

Topic: World War II - The Front Line

Year: 6

Strand: Post 1066 Period

What should I already know?

- Causes and consequences of WWII in Britain (evacuation, rationing, women at work, etc)
- The location of the United States of America, Russia and some European countries, including Germany and France
- The **climate** in Russia.
- The key leaders of Britain (Neville Chamberlain and Winston Churchill) and the **Nazi Party** (Adolf Hitler).
- **Nazi** soldiers under the command of Hitler invaded some European countries.
- Some key vocabulary relating to WWII.

Map



Historical Skills and Enquiry

- **Interpretations of history** - Link sources and work out how conclusions were arrived at
- **Historical Enquiry** - Use a range of sources to find out about an aspect of time
- **Interpretations of History** - Link sources and work out how conclusions were arrived at
- **Chronological understanding** - Place current study on timeline in relation to other studies
- **Range and depth of historical knowledge** - know key dates, characters and events of time studied
- **Range and depth of historical knowledge** - find out beliefs, behavior and characteristics of people, recognising that not everyone shares the same views and feelings
- **Organisation and Communication** - Select and Organise information to produce structured work
- **Interpretations of history** - Confidently use the library and internet for research

Allies, Axis and Key Events

- The major **Axis** powers were **Nazi** Germany, Italy and Japan.
- The major **Allied** powers were Britain, France, Russia, and the United States of America.
- The **Axis** had invaded many European countries including Austria, Czechoslovakia, Belgium, Poland and France.
- The United States had hoped to remain **neutral** during World War II, however, in 1941, the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbour in Hawaii, USA which then meant that the USA turned against the **Axis** and joined the **Allies**.
- In 1942, **Nazi** forces attempted to invade Russia - however, by doing so, lost an **ally**. The **Nazis** were also not prepared for the cold and they suffered heavy defeats.
- In 1944, the British landed on the French beaches of Normandy after a long planning operation to **liberate German-occupied** France. This was known as D-Day.
- The British were successful in **liberating** France. This alongside the disastrous battles in Russia, began the downfall of the **Nazis**.

Key Leaders and Places

Leader	Country	Continent	Power
Chamberlain (Neville)	United Kingdom	Europe	Allies
Churchill (Winston)	United Kingdom	Europe	Allies
Hitler (Adolf)	Germany	Europe	Axis
Mussolini (Benito)	Italy	Europe	Axis
Roosevelt (Franklin)	United States of America	North America	Allies
Stalin (Joseph)	Russia (then known as the USSR or Soviet Union along with other countries)	Europe / Asia	Axis / Allies

Vocabulary

ally	A country's ally is another country that has an agreement to support it, especially in war
Allies	The Allies were the armed forces that fought against Germany and Japan in the Second World War. They included the United Kingdom, the United States of America and France.
atom bomb	an extremely destructive type of nuclear bomb
Axis	The Axis were the armed forces that fought against the United Kingdom and the United States of America. The major Axis powers were Germany, Italy and Japan.
climate	the general weather conditions that are typical of a place.
German-occupied	countries that were occupied by Nazi Germany. Austria, Poland and France were all German-occupied during WWII.
invasion	to try and take over a place by force
liberate	To liberate a place or the people in it means to free them from the political or military control of another country, area, or group of people
military	relating to or belonging to the army
Nazi	a member of the far-right political party in Germany
occupied	under the control of an occupying military force

Timeline

1st September 1939: Hitler invades Poland.

May 1940: Neville Chamberlain resigns and Winston Churchill becomes Prime Minister

December 1941: Japanese forces bomb Pearl Harbour in the United States of America.

30th April 1945: Hitler dies.

8th May 1945: VE Day

3rd September 1939: Britain (Neville Chamberlain) declares war on Nazi Germany.

June 1941: Nazis first invade the Soviet Union (now known as Russia)

6th June 1944: Allied forces land on the beaches in France. This is known as D-Day.

4th May 1945: Nazi Germany surrenders.

August 1945: USA drops the atom bomb on Japan.