

Events Leading up to the Second World War



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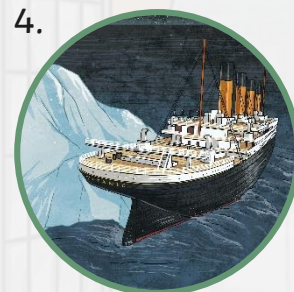
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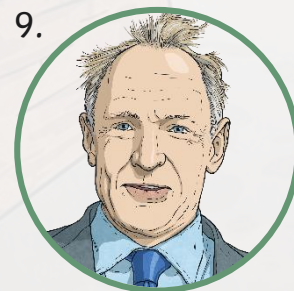
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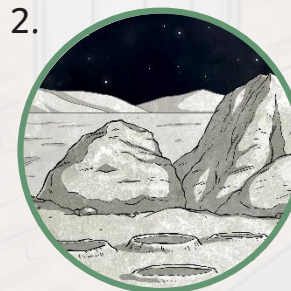
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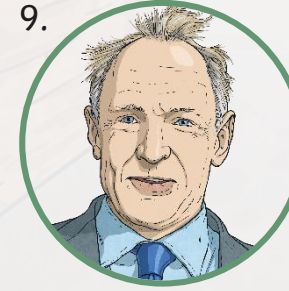
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Second World War Key Facts

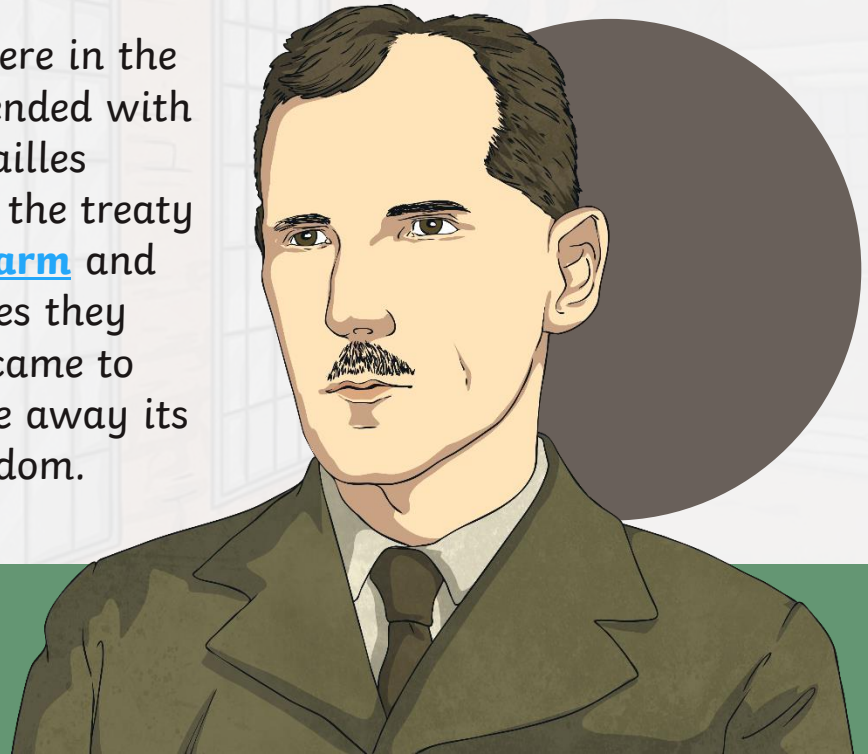
In two minutes, write down as many facts as you know about the Second World War.



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How Did the Second World War Start?

The origins of the Second World War were in the First World War. The First World War ended with an agreement called the Treaty of Versailles which was signed in 1919. The terms of the treaty stated that Germany had to totally **disarm** and pay **reparations** to some of the countries they had fought against. These reparations came to billions of pounds. Germany had to give away its **colonies** to France and the United Kingdom.



Talk About It

Do you think the terms of the Treaty of Versailles were fair?
How do you think German people felt about it?

How Did the Second World War Start?

Paying reparations caused lots of **financial** problems in Germany. At one point, a loaf of bread cost so much money, you had to carry the money in a suitcase!



How Did the Second World War Start?

In the 1920s, a man named Adolf Hitler started a group called the National Socialist Party (also known as the Nazi Party). The group's main beliefs were:

- Germany needed more land;
- all people who spoke German should live in one country and be ruled by one strong leader;
- the terms of the Treaty of Versailles were unfair to Germany and should be broken;
- that certain groups of people were better than others and people of the Jewish faith, and other minority groups, weren't as good as others.



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These beliefs started to become very popular in Germany.

In 1933, Hitler and the Nazi Party won the general election. Hitler began to rearm Germany. Over the next few years, the Nazis continued to implement their ideas, including invading land they'd had to give up.



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Other European countries became worried about what was happening in Germany. Britain and France felt the best way to deal with the problem and avoid another war was to allow Hitler to carry on what he was doing. In 1938, the British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain visited Hitler. He came away from the meeting and made a speech saying he had done a deal which would cause 'peace for our time'.



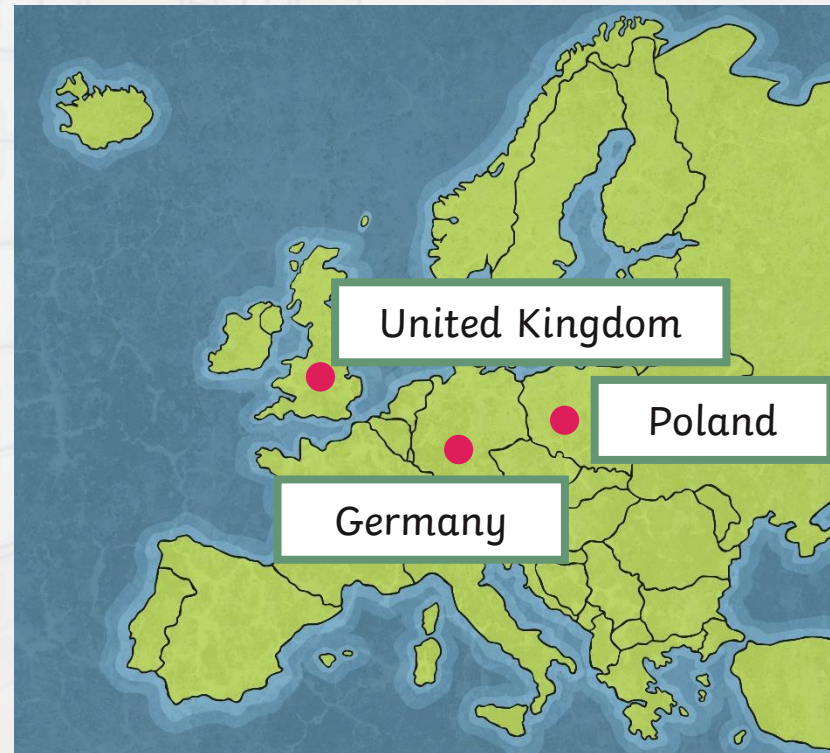
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Do you think the countries were right to try to avoid war?
Or should they have started the war earlier in order to stop
Hitler from doing more bad things?

How Did the Second World War Start?

On 1st September 1939, Germany invaded Poland. The United Kingdom had done a deal with Poland and other countries to protect them.

Neville Chamberlain made a speech announcing that the United Kingdom was at war with Germany on 3rd September.



Timeline of Events

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3. Britain declares war on Germany.
4. The Nazi Party wins the general election.
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Glossary

colonies – Countries that are ruled by another country.

disarm – To give up all weapons.

financial – To do with the management of money.

reparations – The paying of money for damage caused during a war.





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