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What impact did WWII have on Grimsby?

Timeline

Sept 1 st , 1939 Germany invades Poland.	Sept 3 rd , 1939 Britain and France declare war on Germany (start of WW2)	Jan 1940 Rationing introduced across the UK.	May-June 1940 France surrenders. Germany takes over Western Europe.	July 1940 Germany launches air attacks on UK.	Dec 7 th , 1941 Japan attacks US in Pearl Harbour. USA enters the war.	June 14 th 1943 2,000 Butterfly bombs dropped on Grimsby. 1 st time used in UK – 99 killed.	June 6 th 1944 D-Day and Normandy invasion. Grimsby trawlers help efforts.	April 30 th , 1945 Adolf Hitler commits suicide.	May 7 th 1945 Germany surrenders and victory in Europe is declared the next day.	August 1945 Atomic bomb dropped on Japan by the US, 226,000 killed.	Sept 2 nd 1945 Japan surrenders – WW2 is over.
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communism	a political belief system
significant	important
influences	effects on what people say or do
decades	periods of ten years
evacuated	removed from a dangerous place
propaganda	communication used to influence the opinions of others
amphibious	military forces landing from the sea
blitz	when a city was bombed heavily
atomic	power that is produced by chemical reactions
holocaust	deliberate mass murder of Jews and prisoners by the Nazis
legacies	things left behind from the past
declaration	official announcement
rationing	limiting the amount of food, water or fuel

World War 2 was a battle between two groups of countries – the “Allies” and the “Axis”. The major Allied Powers were Britain, France, Russia, China and the United States. The major Axis Powers were Germany, Italy and Japan.

Some countries remained ‘neutral’ in World War 2. Such countries were Spain, Sweden and Switzerland – who chose not to join either side.

Millions of Germans were imprisoned and killed because they didn’t fit the image of the ‘perfect’ German. Hitler wanted to create what he thought was the “best” and strongest race – and to the Nazi Party, this excluded certain groups, such as Jews, Gypsies and those with physical and mental disabilities.



Important facts
WW2 was a battle between 2 groups of countries. Allied powers (Britain, France, Russia & US) and Axis powers (Germany, Italy & Japan).
Hitler wanted Germany to rule Europe. To gain land and power, Germany invaded Poland.
The bombing of London (the Blitz) lasted for 57 nights. Hitler wanted to crush the British spirit so we would surrender.
A plane machine gunned all the way down Freeman Street and over People’s Park. There were several civilian casualties, one of them being Eric Chapman.
Both the allies and axis powers used propaganda posters to boost morale of people at home and those fighting. Grimsby was replaced in newspapers as ‘an East Coast Town.’
37 bombing raids on Grimsby claimed 196 lives. Convamore Road, Heneage Road, Lord street and Farebrother street all bombed.
Grimsby used as a marker by the Nazis for bombing raids due to the Dock Tower.