

# World War II

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## Vocabulary

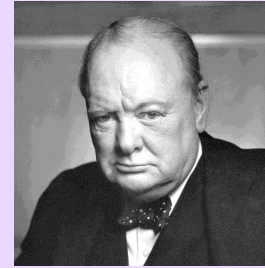
Word	Meaning
<b>air raid shelter</b>	A building made to provide protection from air raids
<b>Air Raid Wardens</b>	A person who kept a look out for German bombers and sounded the Air-Raid Sirens.
<b>allies</b>	A group of countries joining together.
<b>Allies</b>	The United Kingdom, France and Poland, later joined by other countries, including the USSR (Soviet Union), the United States of America and China.
<b>Axis</b>	The Axis Powers were originally Germany, Japan and Italy. Other countries joined them later.
<b>Battle of Britain</b>	A battle in which the Royal Air Force defended Britain.
<b>The Blitz</b>	Nigh time air raids on UK towns and cities by German aircraft.
<b>evacuation</b>	Being moved from your city in order to be safe
<b>gas mask</b>	Worn for protection from toxic gases.
<b>invade</b>	Using power in order to attack other countries
<b>Nazi Party</b>	A German political party with racist and anti-Jewish ideas, led by Adolf Hitler.
<b>rations</b>	Food and water that are given out fairly to make sure there was enough for everyone
<b>The Blackout</b>	People turned down their lights at night and covered over their windows to prevent being spotted by German fighter planes.

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## Key Facts about World War II



Neville Chamberlain—Prime Minister of Britain at the start of World War II



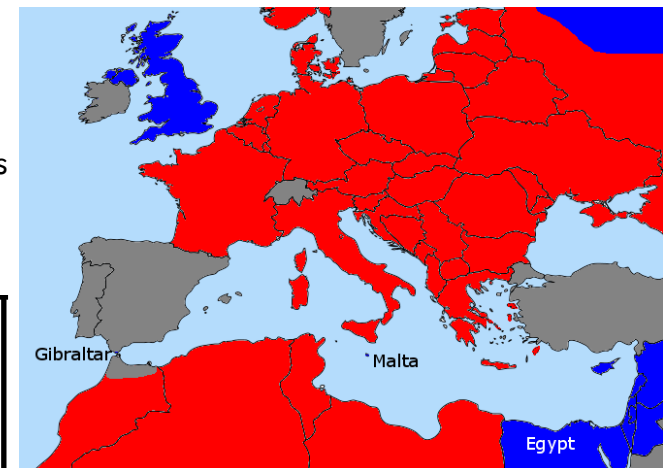
Winston Churchill—Prime Minister of Britain at the end of World War II.



Adolf Hitler—Leader of Germany who was the leader of the Nazi party.

- World War I ended in 1918, Germany had to give up land and was banned from having armed forces.
- 1933 the German people voted for a leader named Adolf Hitler, who led a political party in Germany called the National Socialists or Nazis.
- Friday 1st September, 1939, German forces invaded Poland.

- A total of 1.25 million Germans soldiers swept into Poland
- The Second World War was started by Germany in an unprovoked attack on Poland. Britain and France declared war on Germany after Hitler had refused to stop his invasion of Poland.



The red areas on this map show all the countries that were invaded at some point during World War II by the Nazis.

## Evacuation

During the war, cities were bombed which made the countryside a safer place to live. Families had to send their children to live with other families in the countryside and not all children liked it there. They had to stay until the war was over.

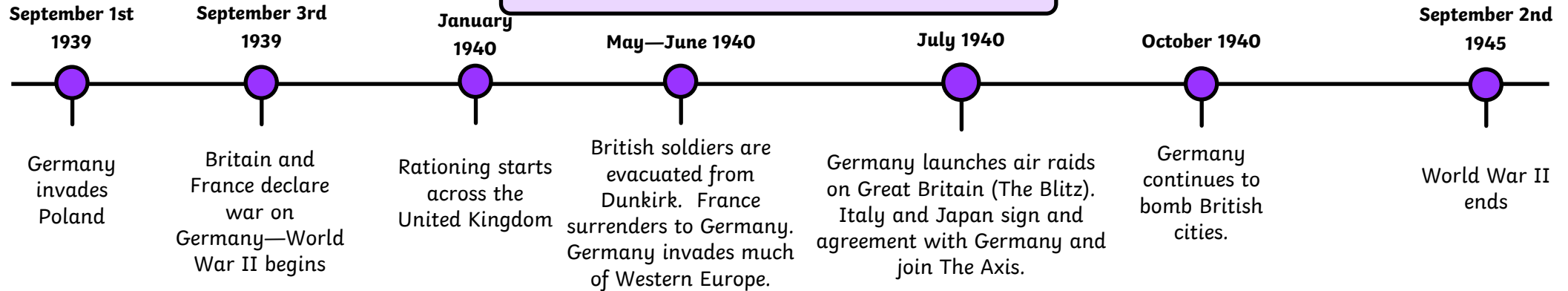


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### World War II—Timeline



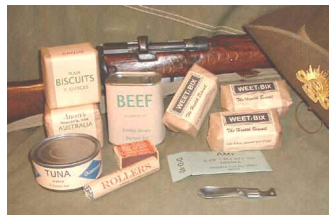
### Rationing



As the war went on the Government was worried that we would run out of food so rationing was introduced. This meant that people could only buy small amounts of foods and there was not very much choice. Everyone had a ration book to keep track of what they bought.

People had to make their food last a lot longer and had to come up with unusual recipes because they could not get the ingredients they needed.

There were no bananas during the war and people had to eat powdered eggs.



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### The Blitz



During The Blitz, German aircraft dropped thousands of bombs on towns and cities across Britain. An air raid siren would sound to let people know that the bombing was about to start. It would sound again to let people know it was finished.

To keep safe, people hid in air raid shelters. Lots of people built air raid shelters in their gardens. They were very basic inside and not very comfortable. Lots of damage was caused to cities all over Britain and many people's homes were destroyed.



### Land Girls



“Land girls” were women who served in the Women’s Land Army (WLA) in the UK during World War II. They carried out farm work to support the war effort. They took the roles of male farm workers who had gone to fight. They carried out jobs such as ploughing, harvesting crops, milking cows and looking after animals to make sure the nation had enough food to eat.

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