



What was the impact of the Second World War on Britain?

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History and Geography Overview

- World War 2 spread conflict across the continent of Europe and some wider parts of the globe.
- Britain joined forces with the United States of America and the Soviet Union as allies to defeat the Nazi-led German army.
- Britain suffered early defeats but Dunkirk was seen as a 'victory'
- The RAF played a significant role in The Battle of Britain.



Key Vocabulary

Air raid	Holocaust
shelter	Invasion
Appeasement	Propaganda
Autocracy	Rationing
Blackout	Remembrance
Blitz	Treaty
Civilian	War
Dunkirk	
Evacuation	

Core Knowledge

Key Date: World War 2 spanned 1939-1945 although it's origins began before this date.

Power: Germany 's autocratic leadership (the Nazi party) systematically occupied European countries. Britain, under Winston Churchill and the Allied forces, defended further invasion and brought the Nazi occupation to an end. Other key leaders were Chamberlain, Roosevelt, Stalin and Mussolini.

Migration: Children were evacuated away from dangerous cities, to the safer countryside such as Shepton Mallet. Children's lives across Europe e.g. Ann Frank, were also impacted.



Trade: Trade routes were blocked by enemy military action. Food and fuel were rationed in order that society could survive shortages.

Legacy: War time community spirit and 'make do and mend' enabled society to recover and thrive into the future.



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CHRONOLOGY

1939 Nazi Germany invades Poland	1940 Winston Churchill Prime Minister	1940 Rationing began	May 1940 Dunkirk	July 1940 Battle of Britain	Sept 1940 The Blitz	June 1944 D Day	Sept 1945 War ended
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St. Paul's World History Timeline

