



Knowledge Bank: Year 6 History – World War Two

Key Vocabulary:

Axis powers	Germany, Japan, Italy and other countries that fought against the Allied Powers.
Allied powers	Countries (including Britain, France, The Soviet Union and the USA) who joined forces to fight the Axis Powers.
air raid	An attack by planes dropping bombs.
blackout	Wartime ban on lights being used at night.
The Blitz	German word meaning 'lightning war'.
British Empire civilians	Countries ruled by Britain. People not in the armed forces.
Home Front	A network of civilian volunteers who assisted in the war effort at home.
concentration camp	Prisons where Jews and other prisoners were kept by the Nazis.
evacuee	Someone who was moved to a safer area.
Holocaust	Mass murder of Jews and other people by the Nazis.
Genocide	The deliberate killing of a large group of people, especially those of a particular nation or ethnic group.
Propaganda	Biased or misleading information, used to promote a political cause or point of view.
Luftwaffe	The Nazi parties' air force during WW2.
Rationing	Each person to have only a fixed amount of a commodity (food).

The impact of The Blitz in Portsmouth:



Local History:

Portsmouth was heavily affected during the war, due to its port.

Portsmouth is home to the world-renowned D-Day museum, which tells the story of Operation Overlord.

There are a number of buildings which still show remains of how hard Portsmouth was hit.

What I should already know:

WW1 and WW2 affected modern life in a number of ways. Children and vulnerable people were evacuated to the countryside.

Key Facts:

World War One ended in 1918.
The Treaty of Versailles was signed which left Germany with huge debts.
The Great Depression led to mass unemployment.
Hitler saw this as an opportunity to rise into power with the Nazi Party in 1934.
The Jewish race was killed as many thought they were to blame for the unemployment.
Hitler was leader of the Nazi party and came to power in 1933
In 1939, war was announced by Britain, France and Germany as Hitler refused to follow orders not to invade Poland.
Winston Churchill was elected as prime minister 1940 and was in power for the remainder of the war.
The Blitz (7 th September 1940-11 th May 1941) was a period of night time bombing by the Luftwaffe.
During the war, lots of children and other vulnerable people were evacuated to the countryside where there was less chance of bombings.
D-Day was the 6 th June 1944, when the Allied forces landed in Normandy, France.
VE (Victory in Europe) day on the 8 th May 1945 marks the day that the Germans surrendered to the Allied powers.
Rationing continued until 1951, six years after the end of the war.

Stone Age
Bronze Age
Iron Age

Ancient
Egypt

Ancient
Greece

Romans

Saxons

Vikings

Normans

Tudors

Victorians

Titanic

WW II

3300BC

1200BC

6000BC

800BC

43AD

450

793

1066

1485

1837

1912

1939