

World War II: Year 5 and Year 6 Knowledge Mat

Subject Specific Vocabulary

Allies	Countries that fought on the British side.
Evacuee	Someone who was evacuated moved from a danger area to a safer place (usually from a city to a rural area).
Blackout	System of ensuring no lights were visible after dark so that enemy planes could not spot buildings.
Rationing	The controlled distribution of scarce resources (mainly food and clothing)
Air raid shelter	A building to protect people from bombs dropped by planes. Anderson Shelter: Made of corrugated iron. Usually at the end of the garden. Morrison Shelter: Metal cage used inside the house. Could double as a kitchen table.
Axis	Countries that fought of the German side.
Nazi	Member of the fascist German political party, which came to power in 1933.
Blitz	Series of aerial bombing raids on the UK, mainly in cities.
Holocaust	Mass murder of Jews and other groups of people by Nazis.
Enigma	A machine to send coded messages. Used extensively by the Nazis.
Blitzkrieg	Translated as 'lightning war'. German quick strike invasion of Western Europe



'It is not truth that matters – but victory.'
Adolf Hitler



'History will be kind to me for I intend to write it.'
Winston Churchill

[Ideas for home activities to support learning.](#)

Ask relatives about your own family's involvement in the war. There are often stories passed down the generations. You are welcome to bring in any photos or artefacts to share with your friends.

Have a go at making some wartime food with a rationing recipe.

Make do and mend! Can you make a toy out of recycled materials?

Design and test out a parachute (use a toy as a weight).

Devise a code and send messages to a friend.

Play battleships!

Make a model of an air raid shelter.

Exciting Books



