

An Evacuee's Journey - World War II: 1939 - 1945

Key People:

Neville Chamberlain	UK Prime Minister, 1937 – 1940. He led the United Kingdom to war with Germany.
Winston Churchill	UK Prime Minister, 1940 – 1945. He led the United Kingdom to win the war against Germany.
Adolf Hitler	Leader of the German political party – the Nazi party. 1933 – 1945.

Key Vocabulary

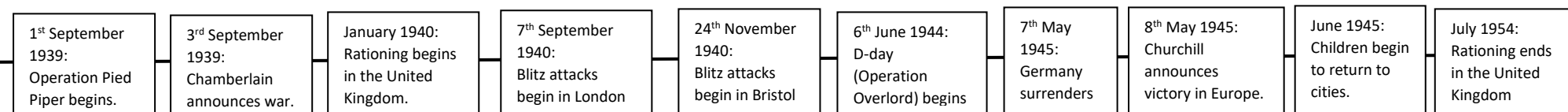
Operation Pied Piper	The name given to the operation of mass evacuation
Evacuee	Someone who was evacuated, moved from a dangerous area to a safer place (normally from the <i>cities</i> to <i>rural</i> areas)
Blackout	A system of ensuring no lights were visible after dark so that buildings could not be spotted by enemy planes.
Rationing	The controlled distribution of 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 (often a part of the kitchen table)
Blitz	Series of aerial bombing raids on the UK, mainly cities including London, Bristol and Liverpool
Allied forces	A group of countries who worked together during the war
Propaganda	A collection of information designed to promote political ideas or opinions
Nazi	A German political party led by Adolf Hitler

Key Questions and Facts

Why did World War II start?	World War II started after Germany began invading Poland and Czechoslovakia. Neville Chamberlain warned Adolf Hitler that if he did not stop a war would begin. Adolf Hitler said he would stop but he did not.
How long did World War II last?	Neville Chamberlain announced that the United Kingdom was at war with Germany on 3 rd September 1939. Winston Churchill announced that the war was over on 2 nd September 1945. The war lasted 5 years and 363 days.
Which countries fought with the UK?	The United Kingdom's main allies were the United States of America, China and the Soviet Union (Russia). However, other allies joined us during the war: France, India, Canada and Australia.
What happened to the children?	All children (who lived in cities) were evacuated to different parts of the countryside (without their parents) so that they would be safe until the war ended. Operation Pied Piper started 1 st September 1939.
Was Bristol involved in the war?	Bristol was the 5 th heaviest bombed city in the United Kingdom during the Blitz. The enemy would target Bristol as it was on a river (for food supplies) and planes were being built in Filton.
Who won World War II?	On the 8 th May 1945, Germany announced their surrender and victory had been won in Europe. However, the war continued in Japan and they announced their surrender on 2 nd September 1945.



Key Dates in Chronological Order



Links to Prior Learning

Knowledge of World War I through Remembrance days
 Knowledge of segregation through 'They made a difference topic'
 Knowledge of the United Kingdom in relation to other parts of Europe.