

WW2 Knowledge Mat 1939-1945

Our exciting text is...
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Once by Morris Gleitzman is the story of a young Jewish boy during the Second World War.
Everybody deserves to have something good in their life. At least Once.



Our enquiry question is...
How can we show tolerance of diversity rather than prejudice?
Our concept is...
Identity and diversity

Vocabulary

Allies	The UK, France and Poland joined with USSR, USA and China.
Axis	Germany, Japan and Italy.
Nazi Party	A German Political Party with racist and anti-jewish ideas, led by Adolf Hitler.
Annex	To take another country's land and make it part of your own.
Propaganda	Information designed to promote political ideas or opinions.
Active Service	Taking part in a military operation as part of the armed forces.
Rationing	Allowing Each person to have only a fixed amount of a commodity.
Evacuee	A person who has been evacuated (moved to a safer place).

Key Events

1939	1 st September	German troops invade Poland.
	3 rd September	Britain and France declare war on Germany.
1940	10 th May	The Battle of France begins.
	26 th May	Allied forces are evacuated from Dunkirk in France.
	10 th July	The Battle of Britain begins.
	7 th September	The Blitz begins.
1941	22 nd June	Germany invades the USSR (Soviet Union).
	7 th December	Japan bombs Pearl Harbor in the US.
1943	16 th and 17 th May	The Dambusters bombing raid is carried out.
1944	6 th June	The D-Day landings.
1945	7 th May	Germany surrenders to the Allies.
	6 th and 9 th August	The US drops atomic bombs on two cities in Japan.

Key Knowledge

On 29th September 1938, British, French, German and Italian leaders signed a treaty called the Munich Agreement. In August 1939, Hitler broke the agreement and invaded Czechoslovakia and Poland. Britain, France and Poland had made a pact to support each other, so Britain and France declared war on Germany.

During World War II, over 3.5 million children were evacuated from the cities to the countryside for safety. ALL evacuees had to take their gas mask, ration book and identity card.

Before the war, most women stayed at home and didn't go out to work. However, when men were called up for active service, women were needed to do jobs such as making weapons, driving buses and trains or working in engineering or shipbuilding. Some joined the armed forces themselves. After the war, many women lost their jobs. However, their experiences led them to campaign for equal working rights and pay so that they could carry on leading more independent lives

The Holocaust is the term for the killing of over six million Jewish people before and during World War II organised by Adolf Hitler and the Nazi party.