

Oughterside Foundation School - History

Topic: World War II - The Front Line

Year: B

Strand: Post 1066 Period

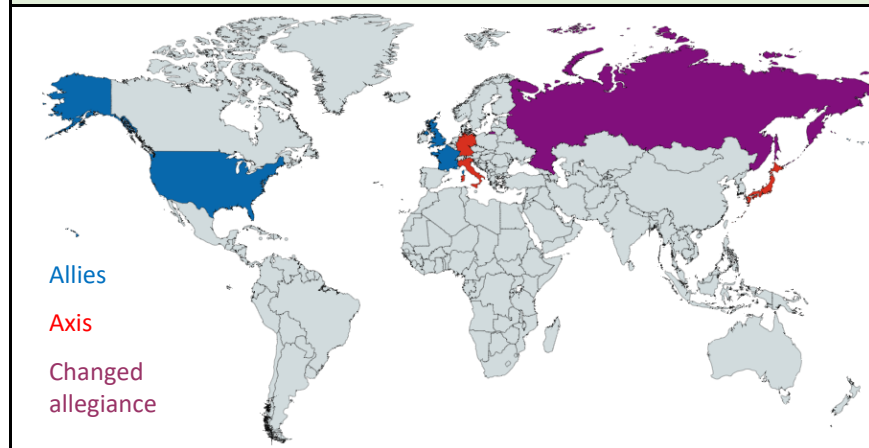
What should I already know?

- Causes and consequences of WWII in Britain (evacuation, rationing, women at work, etc)
- The location of the United States of America, Russia and some European countries, including Germany and France
- The **climate** in Russia.
- The key leaders of Britain (Neville Chamberlain and Winston Churchill) and the **Nazi** Party (Adolf Hitler).
- **Nazi** soldiers under the command of Hitler invaded some European countries.
- Some key vocabulary relating to WWII.

Allies, Axis and Key Events

- The major **Axis** powers were **Nazi** Germany, Italy and Japan.
- The major **Allied** powers were Britain, France, Russia, and the United States of America.
- The **Axis** had invaded many European countries including Austria, Czechoslovakia, Belgium, Poland and France.
- The United States had hoped to remain **neutral** during World War II, however, in 1941, the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbour in Hawaii, USA which then meant that the USA turned against the **Axis** and joined the **Allies**.
- In 1942, **Nazi** forces attempted to invade Russia - however, by doing so, lost an **ally**. The **Nazis** were also not prepared for the cold and they suffered heavy defeats.
- In 1944, the British landed on the French beaches of Normandy after a long planning operation to **liberate** **German-occupied** France. This was known as D-Day.
- The British were successful in **liberating** France. This alongside the disastrous battles in Russia, began the downfall of the **Nazis**.

Map



Historical Skills and Enquiry

- How were the **Nazis** able to **invade** so many countries in such a short amount of time?
- Were all German people members of the **Nazi** party? Use the answer to this question to describe what life was like for all groups of people living in Germany under the rule of the **Nazi** party.
- Locate each of the countries that **Nazi** Germany invaded - why was it particularly tricky to invade the United Kingdom?
- Look at different sources that describe the same event (Pearl Harbour, D-Day). How does each source differ? Why do you think this is?
- What was the effect of events such as the bombing of Pearl Harbour, the D-Day landings and the **atom bomb** on WWII?
- Compare the invasions you have learnt about (Roman, Viking, **Nazi**). What is similar? What is different?

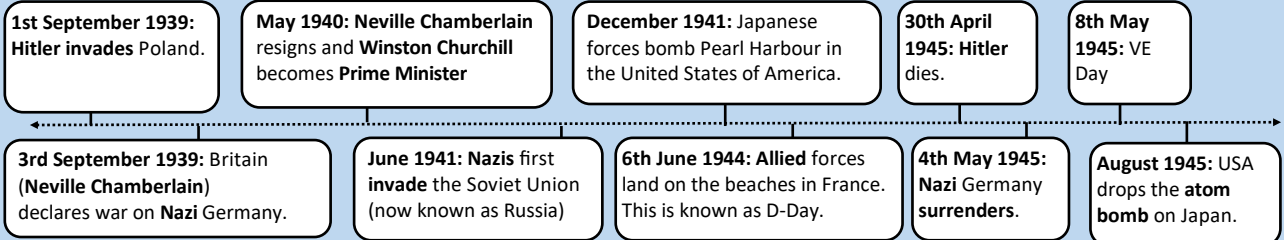
Key Leaders and Places

Leader	Country	Continent	Power
Chamberlain (Neville)	United Kingdom	Europe	Allies
Churchill (Winston)	United Kingdom	Europe	Allies
Hitler (Adolf)	Germany	Europe	Axis
Mussolini (Benito)	Italy	Europe	Axis
Roosevelt (Franklin)	United States of America	North America	Allies
Stalin (Joseph)	Russia (then known as the USSR or Soviet Union along with other countries)	Europe / Asia	Axis / Allies

Vocabulary

ally	A country's ally is another country that has an agreement to support it, especially in war
Allies	The Allies were the armed forces that fought against Germany and Japan in the Second World War. They included the United Kingdom, the United States of America and France.
atom bomb	an extremely destructive type of nuclear bomb
Axis	The Axis were the armed forces that fought against the United Kingdom and the United States of America. The major Axis powers were Germany, Italy and Japan.
climate	the general weather conditions that are typical of a place.
German-occupied	countries that were occupied by Nazi Germany. Austria, Poland and France were all German-occupied during WWII.
invasion	to try and take over a place by force
liberate	To liberate a place or the people in it means to free them from the political or military control of another country, area, or group of people
military	relating to or belonging to the army
Nazi	a member of the far-right political party in Germany
occupied	under the control of an occupying military force

Timeline



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Question 1: Place these in order in which they happened. The first one is done for you.	Start of unit:	End of unit:
Allied forces land on the French beaches.		
Nazi Germany invade Poland	1	
Britain declares war.		
Hitler dies.		
Nazis invade the Soviet Union		
VE Day		
Nazi Germany surrenders		

Question 3: Tick all statements that are false.	Start of unit:	End of unit:
The day that the British forces landed in France is known as		
Winston Churchill was the Prime Minister when Britain		
Nazi Germany were able to invade the Soviet Union easily.		

Question 4: A synonym for liberation is...	Start of unit:	End of unit:

Question 5: Along with some other present day countries such as Georgia, _____ was part of the Soviet Union. during WWII.	Start of unit:	End of unit:
Russia		
United Kingdom		
United States of America		
Germany		

Question 6: Who was Prime Minister of the UK when the war ended?	Start of unit:	End of unit:
Neville Chamberlain		
Winston Churchill		
Franklin Roosevelt		
Adolf Hitler		

Question 2: Give an example of a country that fought for each of these sides.	Start of unit:	End of unit:
Allies		
Axis		
Neutral		

Question 7: WWII officially happened during these years:	Start of unit:	End of unit:

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Question 8: All German people members of the Nazi party. Is this statement true or false? Explain why.

Start of unit:

End of unit:

Question 9: Explain how the United States of America became involved with WW2.

Start of unit:

End of unit:

Question 10: Explain how the world changed after WWII.

Start of unit:

End of unit: