

Your Country Needs You!: World War 2 1939-1945 AD

Timeline	
1918	World War 1 ends. Germany defeated.
1933	Adolph Hitler is appointed Chancellor of Germany.
Sept 1939	Germany Invades Poland. Britain Declares War.
Jan 1940	Rationing begins in Britain.
May 1940	Winston Churchill is elected British Prime Minister.
July 1940	'The Battle of Britain' begins
Sept 1940	'The Blitz' begins in London.
Oct 1940	Britain wins 'The Battle of Britain'.
30 April 1945	Adolph Hitler dies.
8 May 1945	Germany surrenders (VE day).

Key People/Events	
<b>Adolph Hitler</b>	Leader of Germany during World War 2.
<b>Neville Chamberlain</b>	Prime Minister of Britain when the war began in 1939.
<b>Winston Churchill</b>	Prime Minister of Britain from 1940 to 1945 when the war ended.
<b>Franklin D. Roosevelt</b>	The president of the United States during World War 2.
<b>Benito Mussolini</b>	Leader of Italy during the war. Formed an alliance with Hitler.
<b>The Battle of Britain</b>	A battle fought between the German air force (Luftwaffe) and the British air force (RAF).
<b>The Blitz</b>	The heavy and frequent bombing of London (and other major cities) by the German air force.

Key Vocabulary	
<b>troops</b>	A group of soldiers or the armed forces.
<b>Allies</b>	The countries that together were opposed (against) Germany in World War 2.
<b>Axis</b>	The countries that together supported Germany in World War 2.
<b>appeasement</b>	The act of attempting to avoid war with other countries through peaceful discussions.
<b>declaration</b>	To announce in a formal way.
<b>propaganda</b>	A way to spread false ideas and information with people.
<b>ration</b>	A fixed (small) portion of something.
<b>evacuation</b>	The process of leading people out of an area or place.
<b>air raid</b>	An attack where bombs are from an aircraft on to a target on the ground.
<b>conscription</b>	A law that forces people to join the army if there are not enough volunteers.



What were the causes of World War 2?

The Treaty of Versailles ended World War I between Germany and the Allied Powers. Because Germany had lost the war, the treaty was very harsh against Germany. Germany was forced to 'accept the responsibility' of the war damages suffered by the Allies.

In Germany, Adolf Hitler and the Nazi Party rose to power. The Germans were desperate for someone to turn around their economy and restore their national pride. Hitler offered them hope.

Who were the Allies and Axis in World War 2?

The main **allied** countries were Great Britain, the United States, France and the Soviet Union (Russia).

The main **axis** countries that were led by Adolph Hitler were Germany, Italy and Japan.

