

# History Key Learning— World War 2

## Vocabulary / Key Terms

blitz	Attacked by bombs dropped from enemy aircraft.
evacuee	A person (usually a child) sent to a place of safety.
conflict	A serious disagreement or argument.
rationing	A limited amount of food you were able to buy so everyone had a fair share.
invasion	When a foreign army enters a country by force.
persecute	To treat someone cruelly or unfairly.

## Important People

Winston Churchill	Winston Churchill was Prime Minister of Britain from May 1940—1945. He is often thought of as the leader that led us to victory in the war.
Adolf Hitler	Adolf Hitler was the leader of the German Nazi Party. During his dictatorship he initiated World War 2 by invading Poland. Many millions of people died because of

Useful websites: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/history-ks2-world-war-two/zjnyscw>

## Important Facts

World War 2 began on September 1st 1939 and ended in 1945. It lasted for over 6 years.

World War 2 was a battle between two groups of countries – the “**Allies**” and the “**Axis**“. The major Allied Powers were Britain, France, Russia, China and the United States. The major Axis Powers were Germany, Italy and Japan.

Adolf Hitler was not German, he was Austrian!

The group most heavily targeted by the Nazis were the Jews.

Some countries remained ‘neutral’ in World War 2. Such countries were **Spain**, **Sweden** and **Switzerland** – who chose not to join either side.

## Timeline

**Chief Events of World War II, 1939–45**

