

Countries involved

Who were the allied forces and who were the axis?

Who were the neutral countries?

Which parts of the world were occupied by German forces?

What was important about the year 1941?

Extension:

What measures do we have in place today to maintain peace throughout the world?



AIR RAIDS

What is an air raid?

How did people know to take cover?

Where did people go during an air raid?

How did people know it was safe again?

What different types of shelters could people take cover in?

What preparation did families have to make in case of air raids?

Extension:

What do you think would be different about air raids in today's society?

Question and Research Station

Use this opportunity to think about some questions that you want answered about WW2.

Use the books to research an area of WW2 which you are particularly interested in or want to know more about.

E.g.

- Why did WW2 begin?
- Who was Adolf Hitler?
- How were the axis defeated?
- When did WW2 begin and end?

GAS MASKS

Why did people carry gas masks?

Who had to wear them?

How did you know when to put them on?

How did you put them on?

What happened in a gas mask drill at school?

What happened if you did not have your gas mask with you?

What were gas masks made from?

Extension:



Would gas masks look any different today?

THE HOME GUARD

What was the 'Home Guard'?

What was their job?

Who became part of the Home Guard?

What did LDV stand for?

What was an ARP Warden?

Why was Home Guard needed?

Who else helped out?

Extension:

Would you have volunteered to be in the Home Guard? Why/why not?

RATIONING

Why did food need to be rationed?

Which foods were rationed?

What was the ration book for?

What quantities were households allowed of each food?

What recipes could people make with these items?

What else was rationed other than food?

Extension:

What food would you miss the most?

Weekly WW2 food ration for 1 adult

Milk
2-3 pints

Sugar
8oz

Egg 1

Cheese 2oz
(4oz for vegetarians)

Tea 2oz
(equal to
25 tea-bags)

Margarine 4oz
Cooking fat 4oz
Butter 2oz

Preserves
1 lb every
2 months

4oz of
bacon/ham

Meat to the
value of 1s 2d

12oz of sweets
every 4 weeks

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SHORTAGES

Why were so many more people encouraged to farm?

How was farming promoted?

What else were people encouraged to do to stop waste?

Why was it so important to save/reuse everything?

Extension:

Think about how much waste society now has. How has life changed? What do we do with rubbish and old items?

DAY TO DAY HOMELIFE

What did people do for entertainment?

What was a black out?

Why was the radio so important?

Why are there different countries listed on the radio dial?

What games did children play?

Why did people need an identity card?



Extension:

How is your life different to that of someone living during WW2?