



World War Two was from 3<sup>rd</sup> September 1939 to 8<sup>th</sup> May 1945.

## Important Dates

1 <sup>st</sup> September 1939	Germany invades Poland
3 <sup>rd</sup> September 1939	Britain and France declare war on Germany
7 <sup>th</sup> January 1940	Rationing of food begins
10 <sup>th</sup> May 1940	Churchill becomes Prime Minister
June 1940	Dunkirk evacuated and France surrenders. Battle of Britain begins
6 <sup>th</sup> June 1944	D-Day
7 <sup>th</sup> May 1945	Germany Surrenders
8 <sup>th</sup> May 1945	VE Day
6 <sup>th</sup> August 1945	Atomic bomb on Hiroshima
2 <sup>nd</sup> September 1945	End of WW2 (Japan surrenders)
4 <sup>th</sup> July 1954	Rationing ends

*Below: Remains of a house after a bombing raid during the Blitz*



*The Battle of Britain* was an air battle in which the Royal Air Force (RAF) defended the United Kingdom (UK) against large-scale attacks by Germany's air force, *Luftwaffe*, in 1940.

## Important people

Adolf Hitler	Leader of the NAZI party and Chancellor of Germany 1933-1945, also referred to as 'Fuhrer'
Winston Churchill	Prime Minister of Britain 1940-1945 and again 1951-1955
Neville Chamberlain	Prime Minister of Britain 1937-1940
King George VI	Monarch 1936-1952, father of Queen Elizabeth II



*'History will be kind to me  
for I intend to write it.'*  
Churchill



*'This country is at  
war with Germany.'*

Neville Chamberlain



*'It is not truth that matters, but  
victory' – Hitler (performing Nazi  
salute above)*

*Allies*- Countries which fought on the British side (including: USA, Great Britain, France, Russia (1941-1945))

*Axis*- Countries which fought on the German side (including Italy, Germany, Japan, Russia (1939-1941))

*Nazi*- Member of the German political party which came into power in 1933

*Evacuation*- Organised movement of children and vulnerable people from towns and cities to safe zones

*Evacuee*- Someone who was evacuated to a host family

*Black out*- System of ensuring no lights were visible after dark so could not be seen by enemy planes.

*Rationing*- the controlled distribution of scarce resources (food/clothing) by use of a *ration book*

*Blitz*- Series of bombing raids on the UK

*Holocaust*- Mass murder of Jewish people by the Nazis

*Air raid*- An attack by dropping bombs

*Air raid shelter*- A building to protect people from bombs.

*Anderson shelter*- Made of corrugated iron, often in garden

*Morrison shelter*- Metal cage used inside the house