



## Impact of War on our local Area Knowledge Organiser

In this topic we will be learning about World War 2 especially how it impacted on Manchester. World War 2 involved many countries around the world. This conflict resulted in the deaths of millions of people. The Nazi's came to power in Germany under Adolf Hitler and started persecuting many minorities, for example the Jewish population. Hitler wanted to make Germany bigger and more powerful and other countries. Britain, France and Russia didn't like this as they felt it was dangerous. This resulted in war breaking out. We will also be comparing WW2 to the first world war looking at the key similarities and differences.



### Key Timeline

<b>Sept 1<sup>st</sup> 1939</b>	Germany invades Poland
<b>Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> 1939</b>	Britain and France declare war on Germany.
<b>May 30<sup>th</sup> 1940</b>	Winston Churchill becomes British Prime Minister.
<b>10<sup>th</sup> July 1940</b>	Germany launches an air attack on Britain known as the Battle of Britain.
<b>7<sup>th</sup> December 1941</b>	The Japanese attack the US Navy at Pearl Harbour. The next day the USA joins the war on the side of the allies.
<b>June 6<sup>th</sup> 1941</b>	D –Day and the Normandy invasion. Allied forces invade France and push back the Germans
<b>Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> 1941</b>	The Germans launch a large attack in the Battle of the Bulge. They lose to the allies sealing the fate of the German army.
<b>April 30<sup>th</sup> 1941</b>	Adolf Hitler commits suicide
<b>May 7<sup>th</sup> 1941</b>	Germany surrenders to the allies.

### Key Vocabulary

<b>Air Raid</b>	An attack by enemy planes dropping bombs.
<b>Anderson Shelter</b>	A small shelter made from corrugated steel to protect people from bombs. Usually found in the garden.
<b>Allies</b>	Countries (including Britain, France the Soviet Union and the USA) who joined forces to fight.
<b>Axis Alliance</b>	Germany, Japan, Italy and other countries that were allies in WW2.
<b>Blackout</b>	Wartime ban on street lights and other lights at night.
<b>Blitz</b>	German air raids from the German word 'blitzkrieg' which means 'lightening war.'
<b>Concentration Camp</b>	Prison where Jews and other prisoners were kept by the Nazis.
<b>Evacuee</b>	Someone who was evacuated, moved from a danger area to a safe space.
<b>Gas Masks</b>	Face mask to protect people against poison gas.
<b>Holocaust</b>	Mass murder of Jews and other people by the Nazis.
<b>Propaganda</b>	Controlling news media to show your side in the best way.
<b>Rationing</b>	Controlling the supply of food, clothes petrol and other products.

### Key World War 2 Facts

- World War 2 was a battle between two groups of countries.
- Before World War 2 began, Germany was ruled by a man named Adolf Hitler.
- During the course of the war, German forces advanced through Europe
- Millions of Germans were imprisoned and killed because they didn't fit the image of the 'perfect' German
- Around the same time that Germany fought for power in Europe, Japan wanted to control Asia and the Pacific.
- Some countries remained neutral during World War 2.
- Manchester was targeted during the Blitz due to its industrial prominence.

