



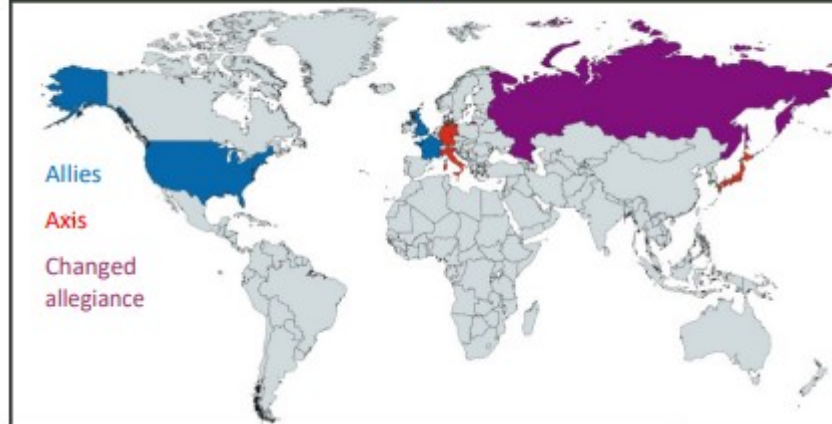
The impact of WW2 on our local area

Allies, Axis and Key Events

- The major **Axis** powers were **Nazi Germany**, Italy and Japan.
- The major **Allied** powers were Britain, France, Russia, and the United States of America.
- The **Axis** had invaded many European countries including Austria, Czechoslovakia, Belgium, Poland and France.
- The United States had hoped to remain **neutral** during World War II, however, in 1941, the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbour in Hawaii, USA which then meant that the USA turned against the **Axis** and joined the **Allies**.
- In 1942, **Nazi** forces attempted to invade Russia - however, by doing so, lost an **ally**. The **Nazis** were also not prepared for the cold and they suffered heavy defeats.
- In 1944, the British landed on the French beaches of Normandy after a long planning operation to **liberate** **German-occupied** France. This was known as D-Day.
- The British were successful in **liberating** France. This alongside the disastrous battles in Russia, began the downfall of the **Nazis**.

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Map



Key Leaders and Places

| Leader | Country | Continent | Power |
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| Chamberlain (Neville) | United Kingdom | Europe | Allies |
| Churchill (Winston) | United Kingdom | Europe | Allies |
| Hitler (Adolf) | Germany | Europe | Axis |
| Mussolini (Benito) | Italy | Europe | Axis |
| Roosevelt (Franklin) | United States of America | North America | Allies |
| Stalin (Joseph) | Russia (then known as the USSR or Soviet Union along with other countries) | Europe / Asia | Axis / Allies |

SKILLS and ENQUIRY

During our topic we will look at the impact of WW2 on Oldham and Manchester. We will use our enquiry skills to examine the following key questions:

- Why did Britain enter WW2?
- Was it necessary to evacuate children?
- What was the impact on life at home in Manchester/Oldham?
- How can artefacts from the past tell us about life during the war?
- What is propaganda and how was it used?
- Why was Manchester targeted for attack in the Manchester Blitz?

Vocabulary

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| ally | A country's ally is another country that has an agreement to support it, especially in war |
| Allies | The Allies were the armed forces that fought against Germany and Japan in the Second World War. They included the United Kingdom, the United States of America and France. |
| atom bomb | an extremely destructive type of nuclear bomb |
| Axis | The Axis were the armed forces that fought against the United Kingdom and the United States of America. The major Axis powers were Germany, Italy and Japan. |
| climate | the general weather conditions that are typical of a place. |
| German-occupied | countries that were occupied by Nazi Germany. Austria, Poland and France were all German-occupied during WWII. |
| invasion | to try and take over a place by force |
| liberate | To liberate a place or the people in it means to free them from the political or military control of another country, area, or group of people |
| military | relating to or belonging to the army |
| Nazi | a member of the far-right political party in Germany |
| occupied | under the control of an occupying military force |

Timeline

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| 1st September 1939: Hitler invades Poland. | May 1940: Neville Chamberlain resigns and Winston Churchill becomes Prime Minister | December 1941: Japanese forces bomb Pearl Harbour in the United States of America. | 30th April 1945: Hitler dies. | 8th May 1945: VE Day |
| 3rd September 1939: Britain (Neville Chamberlain) declares war on Nazi Germany. | June 1941: Nazis first invade the Soviet Union (now known as Russia) | 6th June 1944: Allied forces land on the beaches in France. This is known as D-Day. | 4th May 1945: Nazi Germany surrenders. | August 1945: USA drops the atom bomb on Japan. |