

Topic: The Second World War– Home Front

Phase: KS2

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What Should I already know?

In the **Victorian** times many people moved from the **countryside** to the city.

Throughout history there have been many **invaders** who have tried to attack and capture an area from someone else.

Germany is a **country** in the **continent** of Europe.

Chulmleigh is a **rural** area with many farms.



What was the Second World War?

The Second World War was the largest war ever fought and involved almost all countries in the world in one way or another.

The Second World war started in **1939 about 80 years ago and ended in 1945**. There are people alive today who can remember this war.

One of the main reasons why the Second World War started was that the **dictator** in charge of Germany– named **Adolf Hitler**– decided to invade several other countries despite being told not to. Millions of people learnt Britain was at war from the radio.



The Blitz

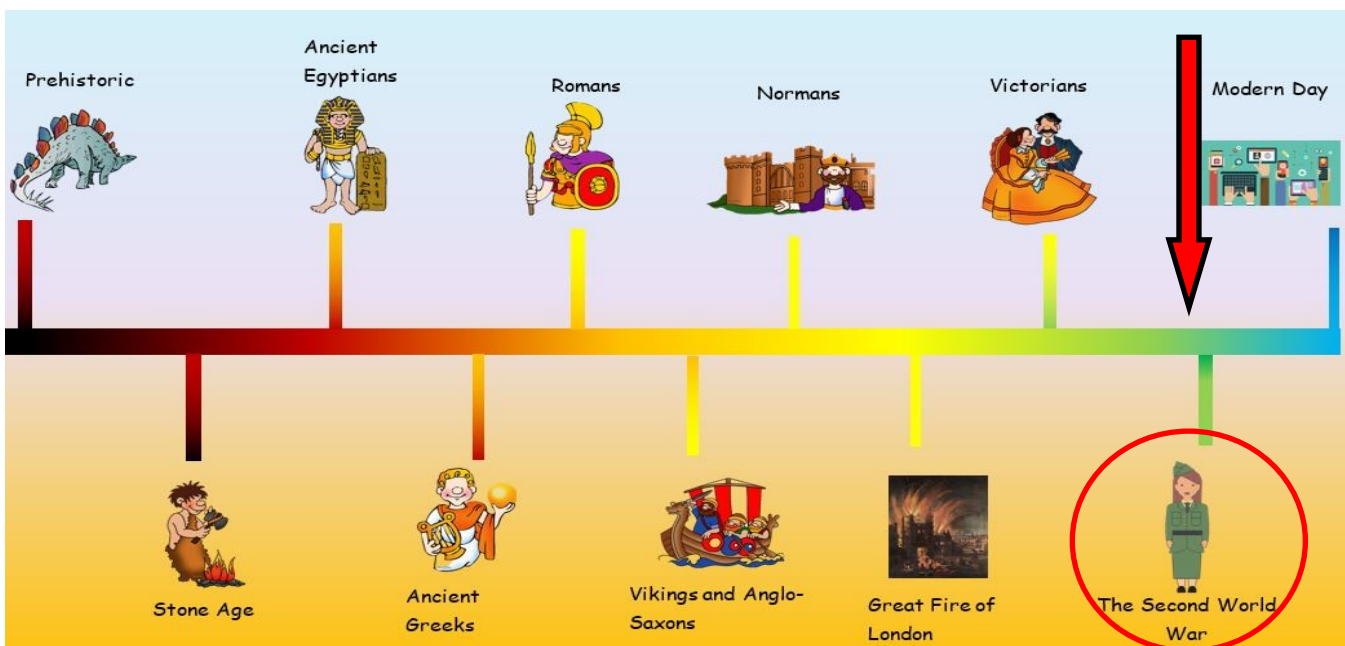
The **Blitz** was the name given to a period in the Second World War when Germany sent many planes over Britain to drop bombs on large cities.

Germany did this to try and destroy important buildings like **factories** so that the UK couldn't build or use items for the war. The UK also did the same to Germany.

In Devon, Plymouth and Exeter were badly affected by the **Blitz**. Most people were forced to spend nights in **air raid shelters** to escape from the bombs. Sadly, many people died.



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Evacuation

Many children in cities were **evacuated**. This meant they had to leave their home and live with strangers in the countryside.

Children were **evacuated** to keep them safe away from the **Blitz**.

Some children were evacuated for a very long time and would not see their parents for many years.



Rationing and Farms.

In the Second World War food was low so the **government** started **rationing**. This meant that everyone had a limit to what they could buy each week and had to use a ration book to buy items.

Because food was low many people were asked to grow their own vegetables in their gardens to help.

Many people helped out on farms to help produce as much food as possible. Many prisoners of war were made to work on farms.

Question 1: What year did the Second World War start and end?	Start of Unit	End of Unit

Question 2: What was the name given to Germany's bombing of Britain?	Start of Unit	End of Unit

Question 3: Name two places in Devon which were bombed badly.

Question 4: Why did Germany decide to bomb places in Britain?

Question 5: Why do you think some children were evacuated to Chulmleigh but not Exeter?

Question 6: Explain two ways that the UK tried to stop food running out in the war.