

What do you know about The Second World War?

Spindle Point Primary School — History Knowledge Organiser: Year 5 Summer Term

The Second World War was the most deadly conflict the world has ever seen. It brought into opposition the countries of the Allies (France, Great Britain, the United States and the Soviet Union) and the Axis powers (Germany, Italy and Japan). By the end of the conflict, approximately 50 million people had been killed, and the political and social organisation of the world was changed forever. The end of the war saw Communism growing in the east and a significant shift in power towards the United States in the west. The Second World War is one of the most significant events in history, and its influences are still felt in daily life today. The Second World War was a truly global conflict. The Allies and Axis powers drew more than 30 countries into the conflict. From its beginnings in Western Europe, battles raged across Europe, around the Mediterranean, in Africa and the Middle East and around the Pacific.

Key Vocabulary

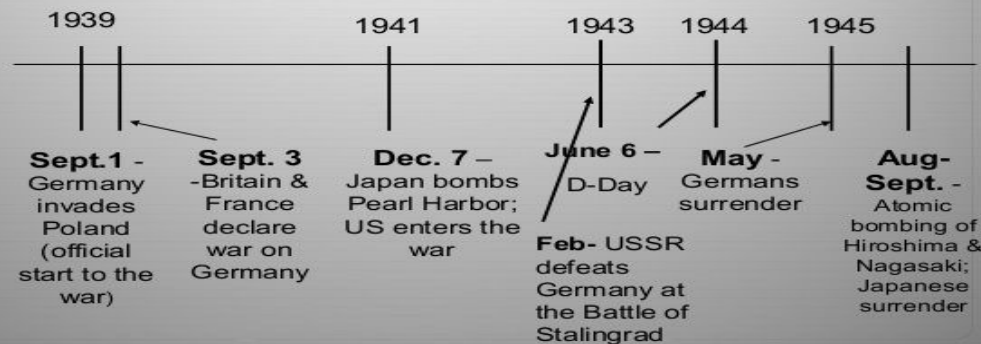
- Allies/Axis: supporters & friends/enemies
- United Nations: where the world's nations can gather together, discuss common problems and find shared solutions



TIMELINE OF WWII

•1939-1945

•US involvement 1941-1945



Significant People and Events

- Adolf Hitler & The Nazis: Adolf Hitler was the undisputed leader of the National Socialist German Workers Party—known as the Nazis
- The Battle of Britain: Britain secured one of its most significant victories of the Second World War.
- The Holocaust : The Holocaust was the systematic murder of Europe's Jews by the Nazis and their collaborators