

How do people survive when their country is at war?

KS3 History Knowledge Organiser The Home Front

Why did WW2 Start?

There were a variety of factors that contributed to the outbreak of WW2. Some of these were:

- Hitler's aims and ambitions
- Treaty of Versailles
- Actions of other leaders
- The failure of the League of Nations

Women

Women had to take on the role of men as they were off fighting in the war. Many women took on 'male' jobs during the war. Women also made weapons and ammunition for the war effort. Women lost their jobs when the men returned.

Propaganda

Used to promote a specific point of view. Government created posters to get everyone involved in the war effort.



Rationing

Rationing was introduced by the government to ensure that food did not run out. People were encouraged to grow their own fruit and vegetables.

The Blitz

The Blitz took place in London and other cities across England in 1941.

Houses, factories and other buildings were bombed by enemy planes.



Home Guard

Set up in England to help if England was invaded. It was made up of men who were too old to go to war.



Churchill

British Prime Minister during WW2. Often thought of as the 'Greatest Britain' as he led Britain to victory in WW2.



Due to the bombings children were evacuated from the towns and cities to the countryside for their own safety. They would go and live with strangers without their parents.



What was the most significant reason why WW2 started?

Why did the government use propaganda during WW2?

Were the Home Guard really needed during WW2?

Write a diary entry as an evacuated child, how would you feel about being so far from home? Was Churchill a good leader?



