

Knowledge Organiser—Year 6

'What part did Britain play in WW2 both home and abroad?

Vocabulary

Blitz— the bombing of British cities in 1940 and 1941, often at night.

RAF— an abbreviation for The Royal Air Force,

Propaganda— information that is used to support a point of view, often political.

Prejudice— an opinion about someone or something that is based on received ideas rather than what someone experiences.

Holocaust— the murder of Jewish people by the Nazis.

The Few— a term used to describe the RAF pilots who fought in the Battle of Britain, because there were not many of them compared to the Germans.

Jewish— someone who follows Judaism.

Ration— a limited amount of food or clothing that each person was allowed during the war.

Evacuee— a child who was sent away from the big cities in Britain to the countryside, where it was safer.



Evacuees



Rationing



Propaganda poster

Key facts

During the war, Britons had to make many changes to their lives.

About 3 million people were evacuated from the cities during WW2.

Before the war, most food and goods were imported to Britain by air or sea. This was not possible once the war began so rationing was put in place to ensure everyone got a fair share.

As so many men were overseas serving in the army, many women took over jobs in industry, farming and driving that were usually done by men.

The Home Guard was formed from volunteers: mostly men who were either too young or too old to serve in the armed forces. Their job was to help protect Britain from invasion by Germany.

At one point during the Blitz, London was bombed every night, apart from one night, for eleven weeks.

Many families built air raid shelters in their gardens where they stayed during bombing raids. Other people sheltered in tube stations.

The Battle of Britain was an aerial battle between the Royal Air Force and the German Luftwaffe between 10 July 1940 to 31 October 1940.

Due to the high risk from bombs in large cities, many children were evacuated to the country, where it was thought they would be safe.

The German air force was called the Luftwaffe.

