




Key Facts	Map/Timeline/Diagram	
<p>World War 2 was a battle between—the ‘Allies’ and the ‘Axis’. The major Allied powers were Britain, France, Russia, China and the United States. The major Axis powers were Germany, Italy and Japan.</p> <p>Adolf Hitler, together with the Nazi Party, wanted Germany to rule Europe. 1st September 1939 German troops invaded Poland. After Hitler refused to stop the invasion, Britain and France declared war on Germany.</p> <p>German forces advanced through Europe. By the summer of 1941 they had invaded France, Belgium, Holland, Luxembourg, Denmark, Norway, Greece, Yugoslavia and the USSR.</p> <p>Millions of Germans were imprisoned and killed because they didn’t fit the image of the ‘perfect’ German. Hitler wanted to create what he thought was the ‘best’ and strongest race –and to the Nazi Party, this excluded certain groups, such as Jews, Gypsies and those with physical and mental disabilities.</p> <p>The group most heavily targeted by the Nazis were the Jews. Around six million Jewish people were killed during World War 2 in one of history’s most terrible events – the Holocaust. Racist in his views, Hitler blamed Jewish people for Germany losing World War I and claimed they were dangerous to German people and society.</p> <p>Some countries remained ‘neutral’ in World War 2. Such countries were Spain, Sweden and Switzerland – who chose not to join either side.</p> <p>The Germans surrendered on 8 May 1945. In 1944, an Allied army crossed from Britain to free France from Nazi rule. One year later, Allied armies invaded Germany, forcing the Germans to surrender. After nuclear attacks on Japan’s major cities Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan also surrendered to Allied forces in August the same year. World War 2 had ended.</p>	 <p>A world map titled 'WORLD WAR-II Axis vs Allied powers'. The map shows the global distribution of Axis and Allied powers during World War II. Axis powers are highlighted in orange and include Germany, Italy, Japan, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria, and Poland. Allied powers are highlighted in green and include the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, France, the Soviet Union (USSR), China, Australia, and New Zealand. The map also shows neutral countries in white, including Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and the Netherlands. Key geographical features like the Arctic Circle, Tropic of Cancer, Equator, and Tropic of Capricorn are marked. A legend in the bottom left corner provides a color key for the powers. A scale bar at the bottom right indicates distances in kilometers and miles. The map is dated 2013 and updated on 17th January, 2013.</p>	
Key Learning:	Prior Learning:	Books for support/ Enrichment Opportunities:
<p>To understand the reasons for WW2 and place some key events in chronological order.</p> <p>To find out about the experiences of children who were evacuated during WW2</p> <p>Understand Adolf Hitler's rise to power in Germany.</p> <p>To know what it was like as a child during WW2 using a wide range of sources.</p> <p>To know what rationing is and how it affected people during WW2.</p>		 <p>Two book covers are shown. The first is 'Goodnight Mister Tom' by Michelle Magorian, featuring a silhouette of a man and a child walking at night. The second is 'Anne Frank's Tales from the Secret Annex' by Anne Frank, featuring a portrait of Anne Frank. The text below the covers reads: 'A COLLECTION OF HER SHORT STORIES, FAIRIES, AND LESSER-KNOWN WRITINGS'.</p>

Subject Specific Vocabulary	
Key word	Definition
Axis	Countries which fought on the German side including Italy, Germany and Japan
Allies	Countries which fought on the British side (including: USA, Great Britain, France and Russia.
Nazi	Member of the German political group which came to power in 1933.
Evacuation	Organised movement of children and the vulnerable from towns and cities to safe zones.
Evacuee	Someone who was evacuated, moved from a danger area to a safer place.
Blitz	A series of bombing raids on the UK
Propaganda	Controlling news media (such as radio) to depict the war effort .
Holocaust	Murder of Jews and other groups of people by the Nazis
Laffwaffe RAF	The German Airforce. The Royal Airforce (British).
Kindertransport	transport arranged for Jewish children to flee German occupied countries.