



World War 2 was a conflict which involved many countries. At the time, Germany's leader was Adolf Hitler. He was the leader of the Nazi party, and he believed that there was a superior race of people: the Aryan race. He was so intolerant of people that were not part of the Aryan race that the Nazis began to kill people. He particularly targeted the Jewish community in Europe. The war began because the Allies knew the Nazis needed to be stopped. Over 75 million people were killed in total, which is the most deaths from any war in history.

Countries involved in WW2

Allies	Axis
France Death toll 600,000 (approx.)	Germany Death toll 7,200,000 (approx.)
UK Death toll 450,000 (approx.)	Italy Death toll 500,000 (approx.)
Soviet Union Death toll 24,000,000 (approx.)	Hungary Death toll 464,000 (approx.)
USA Death toll 419,000	Japan 3,000,000 (approx.)

Timeline of World War 2

Sept 3 rd 1939 WW2 begins	Britain and France declare war in Germany
May – June 1940 Evacuation of Dunkirk	Dunkirk evacuated and France surrenders. Battle of Britain begins
Dec 7 th 1941 Attack on Pearl Harbour	The Japanese attack US Navy in Pearl Harbour
June 6 th 1944 D-Day landings	D-Day and the Normandy invasions
April 30 th 1944 Hitler's suicide	Adolf Hitler commits suicide
May 7 th 1945 Germany surrenders	Germany surrenders and victory in Europe is declared
August 1945 America drops the atomic bomb	Atomic bombs dropped in Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan by the US
Sept 2 nd 1945 World War 2 ends	Japan surrenders. World War 2 officially ends
July 1954 Rationing ends	Rationing ends in the UK

The Home Front

The government issued **gas masks** to everyone in Britain.

German submarines were attacking British ships creating a shortage of supplies. This led to **rationing**.

Propaganda posters were used to encourage citizens to act safely and support the war effort.

Air raid shelters were built in gardens called **Anderson shelters**

Shelters under stairs or in a house were called **Morrison shelters**

This is a map of Sheffield, and the black dots are bombs that were dropped here.



Vocabulary

1	Evacuate	To remove (someone) from a place of danger to a safer place
2	Conflict	A serious disagreement or argument
3	Treaty	A written agreement between two or more countries
4	Invasion	A foreign army enters on force
5	Rationing	Controlling the supply of food, clothes,, petrol and other things
6	Blitz	Series of aerial bombing raids on the UK, mainly cities including London, Bristol, Nottingham
7	Allies	Countries which fought on the British side (USA, Great Britain, France, Russia)
8	Axis	Countries which fought on the German side (including Italy, Germany, Japan, Russia)
9	Censorship	Controlling what people say or write
10	Propaganda	Controlling new media (such as radio) to show your side in the best way

Try it at home

1. Make a model of a WW2 fighter plane.
2. Find an old war time recipe and have a go at making the food (with adult supervision). It would be great to see the recipe and some photos.
3. Ask your family if they have any stories, photos or items from World War 2 (they may have been passed down by great grand-parents) and bring them into show your class.
4. Write a diary entry of a day living during the Sheffield Blitz.
5. Make a timeline of the main events during World War 2.



1. Who Were the Allies?		5. When was VE day?	
Great Britain, France and Japan.		1944	
Great Britain and Germany.		1945	
Great Britain, France, U.S.A. and the Soviet Union		1946	
2. Who were the Axis countries?		6. How many people were killed during World War 2?	
Germany, Italy, Hungary and Japan		10 million	
Germany, France and Italy		50 million	
Great Britain and Germany		Less than 75 million	
3. Which of the following did British people have to do during the Blitz?		More than 75 million	
Children evacuated to the countryside.		6. Match the word to its meaning	
Food rationing.		Rationing	To move someone from a place of danger to a safer place.
Build air raid shelters.		Evacuate	A series of aerial bombings on the UK.
Wear gas masks.		Blitz	Controlling the supply of food, clothes, petrol and other things.
4. What year did World War 2 begin?		Propaganda	Controlling the media to show your side in the best way.
1938			
1939			
1940			
1941			

