

What was the impact of World War 2 on the people of Britain?



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| accuracy | An assessment of whether a source is likely to be correct or complete. | Operation Sea Lion | The codename for Hitler's plan to invade Britain by sea. |
| appeasement | A policy of allowing a country to do what it wants, in an effort to avoid war. | propaganda | Information given out that may not be accurate but is intended to make people believe something or to hold a particular point of view. |
| Battle of Britain | The 1940 air battle between Germany and Britain for air supremacy. | reliability | An assessment of how trustworthy or accurate a source is likely to be. |
| bias | The favouring of a person or group in an unfair way. | Treaty of Versailles | An agreement made after WWI that required Germany to pay financial reparations, disarm, lose territory, and give up some of its territories. |
| The Blitz | An intensive military attack in which British cities and industrial areas were targeted by the Luftwaffe. | | |
| evacuation | The moving of people from a dangerous place to a safer place. | | |

Battle of Britain

The Blitz

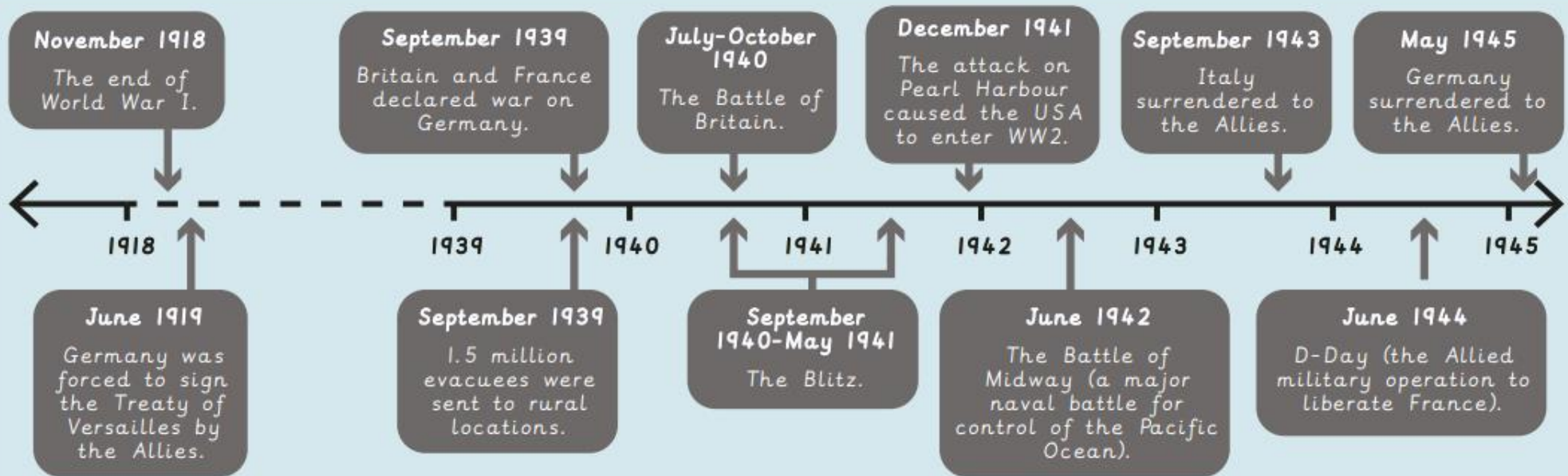
The Battle of Britain (July - October 1940) had four phases and was initially fought over the south coast of England. The Luftwaffe planned to destroy Britain's air defences to pave the way for a larger German invasion by sea. However, thanks to their careful organisation, military tactics and use of radar, the Royal Air Force (RAF) were able to stop the Luftwaffe. These RAF pilots became known as 'The Few' because they successfully repelled an attack against a larger fighting force.



Coming from the German word blitzkrieg ('lightning war'), the Blitz started in September 1940 when German bomber planes began targeting British cities and industrial areas - particularly London, Coventry, Manchester, Cardiff, Belfast and Clydebank.



Timeline of World War 2



Evacuation

Evacuation took place in stages. When war was declared in September 1939, 1.5 million evacuees were sent to live in safer areas in the countryside. More followed when the Blitz began a year later and again in the middle of 1944 when Germany attacked the east and south-east of England.



Impact of WW2 on women's lives

During WW2, women had to play a greater role in society due to the absence of many men. In 1939, around five million women were employed, but by 1943, there were over seven million. Women filled employment roles in many different industries and the armed services.

