



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



Prior learning: Vikings

What we are learning

Lesson 1: To understand the causes of World War 2.	Lesson 2: To understand how the Battle of Britain was won.	Lesson 3: To make inferences about the Blitz using images.	Lesson 4: To understand the emotions and experiences of children during the evacuation.	Lesson 5: To evaluate the accuracy and reliability of sources.	Lesson 6: To identify the impact of WW2 on women's lives.
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Key vocabulary

accuracy	As assessment of whether a source is likely to be correct or complete.	
appeasement	A policy of allowing a country to do what it wants, in an effort to avoid war.	
Battle of Britain	The 1940 air battle between Germany and Britain for air supremacy.	
bias	The favouring of a person or group in an unfair way.	
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.	
propaganda	Information given out that may not be accurate but is intended to make people believe something to hold a particular point of view.	
reliability	An assessment of how trustworthy or accurate a source is likely to be.	
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.	

Battle of Britain

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.

The Blitz

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.

