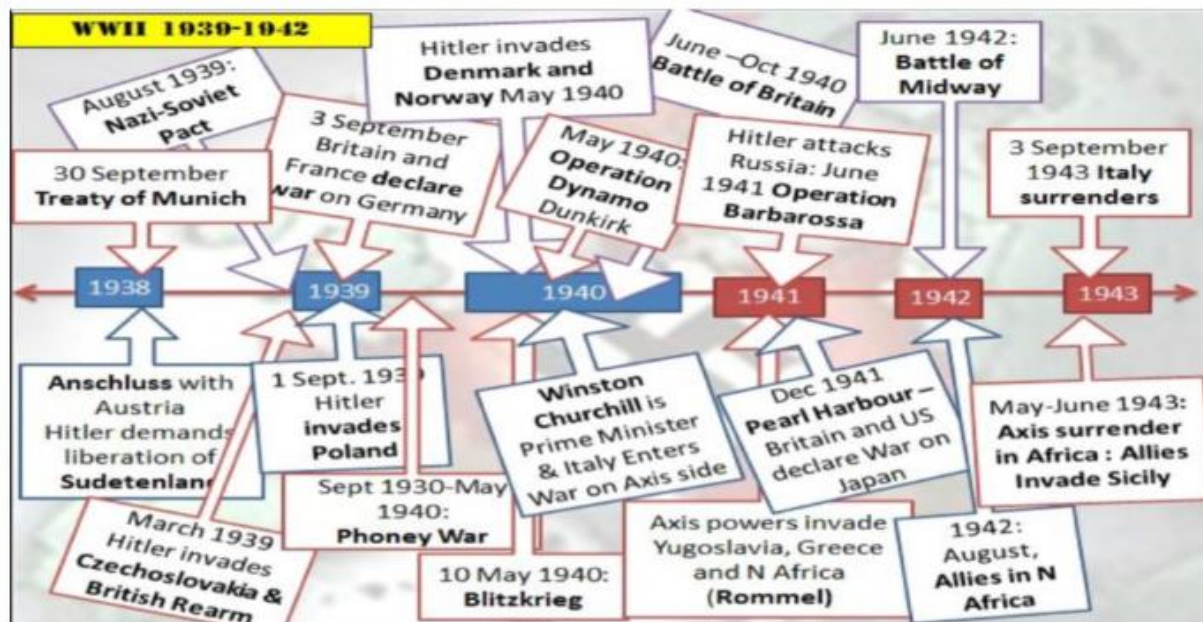


World War II – Knowledge Organiser

Key Knowledge

What?	World War II was a battle between two groups of countries. It was one of the most destructive wars in history and millions of people were killed: civilians and soldiers.
When?	World War II took place between 1939 and 1945. It began on 1st September when German troops invaded Poland.
Who?	It was fought between the Axis (Germany, Italy and Japan) and the Allies (Great Britain, France, USA, The Soviet Union and others).
Where?	World War II took place across the world on land and at sea. Many countries were affected.
Why?	It began because the leader, Adolf Hitler, wanted to expand the German territory and create a state with only certain kinds of people in it.



Key Vocabulary

Allies	Countries (including Britain, France, the Soviet Union and the USA) who joined forces to fight the Axis Powers.
Axis	Germany, Japan, Italy and other countries that were the opposition to the allies.
Blitz	German air raids on the UK.
Black out	Time when lights must be turned off and windows covered.
Evacuee	A young person sent to live with a host family during wartime.
Evacuation	A process of sending young people to live with a host family.
Rationing	A limit on what foods and commodities can be bought by households.
Prejudice	An unreasonable dislike of a group of people or things.



On June 6, 1944 the Allied Forces of Britain, America, Canada, and France attacked German forces on the coast of Normandy. With a huge force of over 150,000 soldiers, the

Allies attacked and gained a victory that became the turning point for World War II in Europe. This famous battle is sometimes called D-Day or the Invasion of Normandy.

