

# Year 6 History

## Term: Summer Key Question: Why was winning the Battle of Britain in 1940 so important?



Timeline		
1918	The Treaty of Versailles - ending WW1.	
1933	The Nazi Party (led by Adolf Hitler) came to power in Germany.	
1936	Hitler moved troops into the Rhineland, violating the terms of the Treaty of Versailles.	
1938	German troops invaded Austria.	
1939	German troops invaded Czechoslovakia.	
1st September 1939	German troops invaded Poland.	
3rd September 1939	Britain declared war on Germany because they had invaded Poland. The Second World War started.	
July - October 1940	The Battle of Britain - attacks on British towns, cities and ports from the German air force.	
September 1940 -May 1941[sep]	The Blitz attacks. German bomber planes attacked Britain at night.	
8th May 1945	Victory Day in Europe (VE Day) - the day the war officially ended.	

	Key Facts - The Home Front	
The	Government issued gas masks to	
ever	ryone in Britain.	
Gerr	man submarines were attacking British	
ship	s creating a shortage of supplies. This led	
to ra	ationing. [F]	
Air r	raid shelters were built in gardens called	
And	erson Shelters. 🔀	
Shel	Shelters under stairs or in a house were	
calle	ed Morrison Shelters.	

Countries Involved in World War 2		
Allies	Axis	
Great Britain	Germany	
USA	Japan	
Russia	Italy	
France		

Vocabulary Dozen		
Treaty	Written agreement between countries in which they agree to do a particular thing to help each other.	
Tyrant	Someone who treats the people they have authority over in a cruel and unfair way.	
Violated	Breaking an agreement, law or promise.	
Seize	Taking control of a place quickly and suddenly, using force.	
Invasion	When a foreign army enters a country by force.	
Abort	Stopping a process, plan, or activity before it has been completed.	
Conflict	A serious disagreement and argument about something important.	
Fatality	A death caused by an accident or by violence.	
Holocaust	The killing of millions of Jews by the Nazis.	
Rationing	A system during World War 2 to limit the amount of food you were allowed to buy.	
Blitz	Attacked by bombs dropped by enemy aircraft.  Blitzkrieg meant 'lighting war.'	
Evacuate	To send someone to a place of safety, away from a dangerous building, town, or area.	

### Quotation

'We shall fight on the beaches, we shall fight on the landing grounds, we shall fight in the fields and in the streets, we shall fight in the hills; we shall never surrender.

Winston Churchill, September 1940

### **Home Historian:**

Read this article about the Battle of Britain and watch the animations to help you understand more about World War II - https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/what-was-the-secret-to-winning-the-battle-of-britain/z7m3t39





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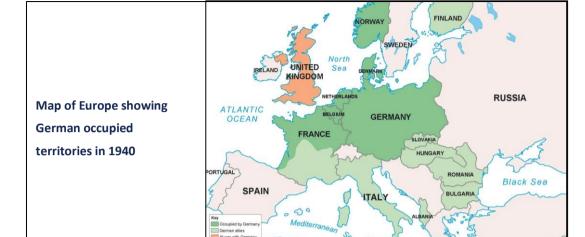


RAF Spitifire



Luftwaffe Messerschmitt Bf 109 fighter





The main leaders involved in the Battle of Britain.

**Adolf Hitler** 



**Winston Churchill** 



**Reichsmarschall Hermann Göering** 



**Air Chief Marshal Hugh Dowding** 

