



Year 6 Spring Unit: London at War

Enquiry Question: What role did propaganda play in World War II?

Retrieval Vocabulary

borders, colonies, democracy, dictator, dominion, economy, empire, invasion, past, persecution, treaty

Key Unit Vocabulary

Alliance - a union between countries for mutual benefit

Allies - cooperation between two or more parties

Annex - to add to ones territory

Appeasement - the process of trying to stop someone doing something by giving them what they want

Anti-Semite - a person prejudice against the Jews

Conspiracy Theory - to believe that someone planned an unexplained event

Death Toll - the number of deaths resulting from a particular cause

Demoralise - to cause someone to lose confidence or hope

Evacuation - the act of removing someone from danger

Morale - the confidence, enthusiasm, and discipline of a person or group

Neutral - not supporting either side

Propaganda - information, especially of a biased or misleading nature, used to promote a political cause or point of view

Reparations - the act of making amends for something that was wrong

Totalitarianism - a dictatorial system of government

Tyranny - oppressive rule

Weaponry - weapons

Historical Concept: evidence, change and continuity, similarities and differences

Key Unit Facts

- Germany surrendered World War I in 1918 and had to pay reparations to France and other countries.
- In 1933, Adolf Hitler took power in Germany leading the National Socialists Party.
- In 1939, Hitler invaded Poland, which caused Britain and France to declare war on Germany.
- Winston Churchill replaced Neville Chamberlain as Prime Minister in May 1940.
- During the Blitz, London was bombed for fifty-seven consecutive nights. The worst hit part of London was the Docklands area.
- One million women, children, elderly and disabled people were evacuated from London during WWII.
- Japan was reluctant to surrender, so the USA decided to use the atomic bomb to force their surrender. Two of these were dropped; one on Hiroshima (August 6th 1945) and Nagasaki (August 9th 1945).



During the Blitz, 180,000 Londoners sheltered in the London Underground.

Examples of British propaganda from WWII.

