

World War 2 :

How did life in Britain change during WW2?

History

Knowledge organiser

Teaching focus: British history

Learning Lens: Artefacts

Class: Year 6

Previous Knowledge

Life in Britain during the Victorian era.

The key skills we want pupils to use during this topic:

Use key timelines to demonstrate changes related to the Learning Lens.

Identify how aspects of life have changed over time and explain what the impact on life was.

Impact of life in Britain- Use timelines to place events, periods, and cultural movements from around the world and use these as a reference point.

Project Hook or 'Wow' memory

Create Anderson shelters as part of Countryside Skills or Evacuee day.

Learning Steps

Key Knowledge(answers)

Why did WW2 happen?

Britain declared war on Germany after Hitler (Germany) invaded Poland. It was a battle between the Allies and the Axis powers.

When was the most dangerous time to live?

The Blitz of London and major cities as there was a long period of sustained bombing. Children were separated from their family.

What impact did the war have on women?

Land army. Many women had to take on the roles of the men who were fighting in the war. They worked in factories and on the land to keep Britain working.

Did all men fight?

No, some were too old, disabled or classed unfit to fight. Some were retained to carry out important roles - Home Guard. Some people refused to fight.

How did the lives of children change during WW2?

Time of fear and confusion due to death of relatives and separation from family. For other it was the happiest and most exciting time of their lives. Education suffered during the war.

How did life change during WW2?

Rationing - food shortages meant that foods had to be rationed out to ensure everyone had enough food. Life in shelters used to protect them from the bombings.

Key vocabulary

Blitz

Period of sustained bombing (lightning war)

evacuation

Children sent away to safe areas away from family

rationing

Food was shared out as food was in short supply

Land army

Women taking on agricultural roles to grow food

Anderson shelter

Shelter constructed in gardens for protection

Allies

Countries that helped Britain - America, France etc

Axis

Countries that were helping Germany -

Final Written Outcome

Series of diary extracts.

PowerPoint presentation

