

Knowledge Organiser for Year 5/6 History 24-25: What impact did World War II have on the local area?

Important People

Winston Churchill:

Prime Minister 1940 to 1945 and again from 1951 to 1955.



Neville Chamberlain:

Prime Minister May 1937 to May 1940.



Adolf Hitler:

Leader of the Nazi Party and Chancellor of Germany 1933- 1945.



Tier 3 Vocabulary

Axis	Countries which fought on the German side (including: Italy, Germany and Japan).
Allies	Countries which fought on the British side (including: USA, Great Britain, France and Russia (1941-1945)).
Nazi	A member of the German political party which came to power in 1933.
Conscription	The process of forcing people by law to join the armed services.
Evacuation	Organised movement of children and the vulnerable from towns and cities to safe zones.
Black out	System of ensuring no lights were visible after dark so that buildings could not be spotted by enemy planes.
Rationing	The controlled distribution of scarce resources (food/clothing).
Gas mask	Face mask to protect people against poison gas.
Air raid	An attack by planes dropping bombs.
Air raid shelter	A building to protect people from bombs.

Local Area

Men aged 18-41 were **conscripted** into the armed forces to fight in the war, unless they worked in a **reserved occupation**. Others joined the **Home Guard**. **Air Raid Precaution Wardens** volunteered to protect people during air raids. Men who refused to be conscripted were known as **Conscientious Objectors**.

Women took on new roles during WW2. These included working in **factories**, joining an armed service (**ATS, WRNS** and **WAAF**), working on farms to produce food in the **Women's Land Army**, or joining the **Women's Volunteer Service**. Some women became **Special Operations Executives** to spy for the country.

Children were **evacuated** to Cambridgeshire from urban areas such as London.

Due to the **geography** of Cambridgeshire, many **airbases** were built during WW2 (including Duxford, Oakington and Waterbeach) and land was used to **grow food** for the war effort.



Prior learning: KS2 – (For Yr 6) Conflict and alliance - Year 4 Tudors and the Civil War. Invasion and colonisation – (For all) Year 5 Persian invasion of Greece

Future learning: KS3 – World War I and Cottenham, turning points in WW2 and The Cold War.