

Year 6

Summer

Topic: Cornwall

Geography and History Focus: World War 2

What should I already know?

- Cornwall was impacted during WW2
- World War 2 took place between: 1 Sep 1939 - 2 Sep 1945
- WW2 was started by Germany in an unprovoked attack on Poland. Britain and France declared war on Germany after Hitler had refused to abort his invasion of Poland.

Key Facts:

- During 1940 and 1941 thousands of bombs fell on Cornwall and there were even airborne landings of enemy troops.
- Anticipating an enemy attack from the sea, ports had to be heavily defended and beaches were protected by minefields, barbed wire, pillboxes and gun emplacements.



Key Dates

1939 September 1 - Germany invades Poland. World War II begins.

1939 September 3 - France and Great Britain declare war on Germany.

1940 May 10 to June 22 - Germany uses quick strikes called blitzkrieg, meaning lightning war, to take over much of western Europe including the Netherlands, Belgium, and northern France.

1940 May 30 - Winston Churchill becomes leader of the British government.

1940 July 10 - Germany launches an air attack on Great Britain. These attacks last until the end of October and are known as the Battle of Britain.

1940 September 22 - Germany, Italy, and Japan sign the Tripartite Pact creating the Axis Alliance.

1941 December 7 - The Japanese attack the US Navy in Pearl Harbour. The next day the US enters World War II on the side of the Allies.

1943 September 3 - Italy surrenders to the Allies, however Germany helps Mussolini to escape and set up a government in Northern Italy.

1944 June 6 - D-day and the Normandy invasion. Allied forces invade France and push back the Germans.

1945 April 30 - Adolf Hitler commits suicide as he knows Germany has lost the war.

1945 May 7 - Germany surrenders to the Allies.

1945 August 6 - The United States drops the Atomic Bomb on Hiroshima, Japan. The city is devastated.

Vocabulary

air raid	an attack in which bombs are dropped from aircraft on to a ground target.
allies	a state formally cooperating with another for a military or other purpose.
axis	Fought against the allies
blitz	an intensive or sudden military attack.
evacuate	remove (someone) from a place of danger to a safer place.
invasion	an instance of invading a country or region with an armed force
Luftwaffe	The Luftwaffe was the aerial warfare branch of the Wehrmacht during World War II.
military	the armed forces of a country.
Nazi	a member of the National Socialist German Workers' Party.
rationing	allow each person to have only a fixed amount of (a commodity).

Cornish Greetings

Hello	Dydh da
Goodbye	Dywr genes
Please	Mar pleg
Thank you	Meur ras
Excuse me	Gav dhymm
Sorry	Drog yw gener
cheers	yeghes da
What's your name?	Pyth yw dha hanow?
My name is John	Ow hanow yw John

Art and Design Technology

Design Technology: Pasties, Saffron Buns or British Pies

Art: WW2 Installation of a memorial sculpture