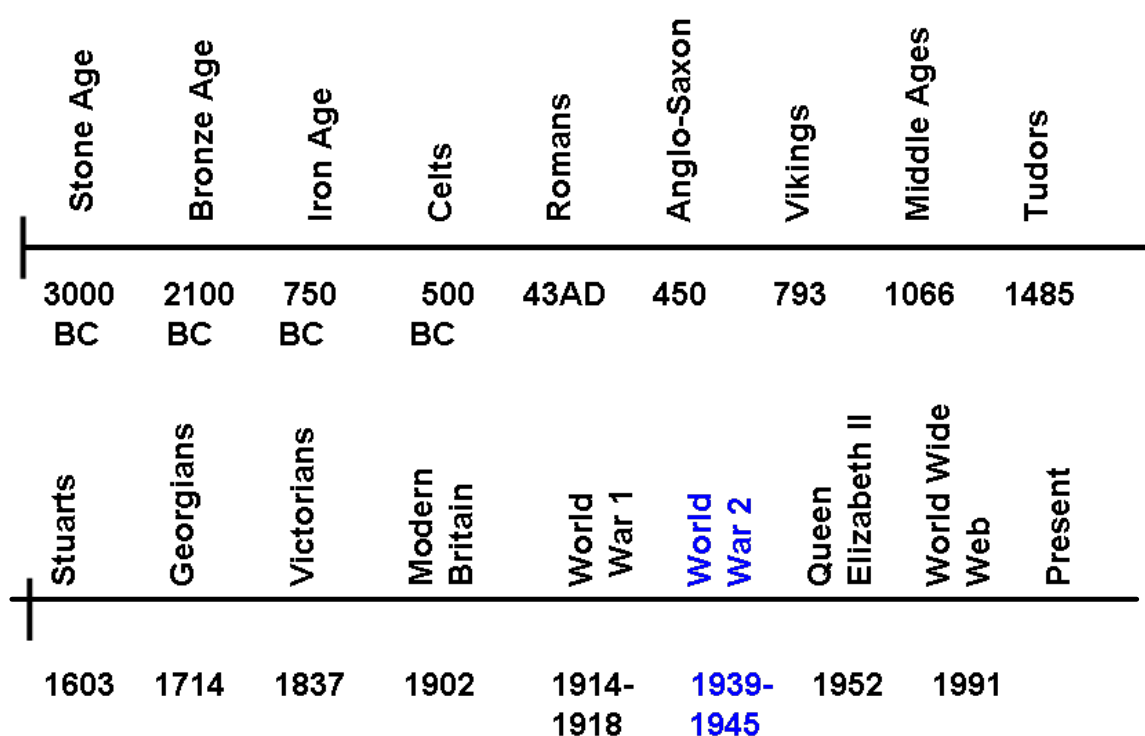




Monday 15th November 2021

LO: To understand the reasons for WW2 and place some key events in chronological order.

When was World War 2?



Vocabulary

Communism - a political system in which the state controls the industry and resources.

Facism - a right-wing form of government in which most of the country's power is held by one ruler

significant - important

dictator - a ruler with total power over a country

invaded - enter a country in large numbers to take over

Luwaffe - German airforce

decades - tens of years

atomic - energy released by a nuclear bomb

The Second World War


WWII was the most deadly conflict the world has ever seen. It was a global war that spanned from 1939 - 1945. It brought into opposition the countries of the Allies (France, Great Britain, the USA and the Soviet Union) and the Axis powers (Germany, Italy and Japan). By the end of the conflict, approximately 70 million people had been killed, and the political and social organisation of the world was changed forever. The end of the war saw Communism growing in the east and a significant shift in power towards the United States in the west. WWII is one of the most significant events in history, and its influences are still felt in daily life today.

Why was there a Second World War?

Germany had many problems as a result of losing World War 1. There were very few jobs and the price of food was high. The people of Germany became very unhappy with their government and voted for a new leader. His name was Adolf Hitler.

Hitler was the leader of the **Nazi** party, a political party that promised the people of Germany many great things. He was a **dictator** and he controlled all the people in Germany. However, he wasn't satisfied with this and wanted to control more land and more people.



 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AUd1HSWoMVQ>

What Caused World War Two? in 90 Seconds

Why a world war?

The Axis:

Germany
Japan
Italy
Romania
Hungary
Finland
Slovakia
Bulgaria
Croatia



The Allies:

Great Britain
France
USSR
United States of America
Australia
Canada
Greece
Belgium
Netherlands
Yugoslavia
Norway
Luxembourg
Czechoslovakia
China
Poland

In March 1939 Hitler's troops took control of a country called Czechoslovakia and began to threaten the country of Poland. On 1st September 1939, Hitler sent his troops to invade Poland.

Both Britain and France protested and on 3rd September 1939, when Hitler refused to withdraw, Britain and France declared war on Germany.

Britain's Prime Minister, Neville Chamberlain, informed people that the country was at war in a radio broadcast.



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p03tpdz7>



Key Events in World War II



Hitler's Troops Invade Poland



German tanks in Poland

This event, which happened on the **1st September, 1939**, sparked the beginning of World War II. Britain and France had promised to help Poland if Germany attacked them, so when Hitler refused to withdraw his troops, Britain and France declared war on Germany on 3rd September, 1939.

Key Events in World War II



The Evacuation at Dunkirk



Evacuated troops arrive in
Dover from Dunkirk

This event (code-named Operation Dynamo) began on the **26th May, 1940**. After sustaining a massive defeat against the Nazis in France, the Allies were forced to retreat to the beaches of Dunkirk.

They were rescued by hundreds of small, wooden boats and then transferred to larger ships to sail across the channel to Dover.

The German Invasion of Russia



German troops in Russia, June 1941

This event, which was named Operation Barbarossa, began on the **22nd June, 1941**. At the beginning of the war, Hitler had signed a non-aggression pact with the Russian leader, Stalin. When Hitler broke this agreement and invaded Russia, Russia became one of the Allies and began to fight back against Germany.

Japan bombs Pearl Harbour in Hawaii



Pearl Harbour

This event took place on the **7th December, 1941** when Japan bombed a US Naval base. Until this point, the US had opted to remain neutral in the war but this event prompted them to declare war on Japan the next day. On the 11th December, 1941, Germany and Italy declared war on the United States.

D-Day: The Normandy Landings



British troops arriving
in Normandy

The term D-Day refers to a specific date for a planned operation: in this case the Allied attack on the beaches of Normandy, which took place on the **6th June, 1944** and was code-named 'Operation Neptune'. The Normandy landings were the first stage of 'Operation Overlord', which aimed (and eventually succeeded) to drive the Germans out of France. This was fully achieved on the 30th August, 1944.

VE Day



Prime Minister, Winston Churchill, waves to crowds in London in 1945

VE Day stands for 'Victory in Europe Day'. Following the suicide of Hitler on 30th April, 1945, Germany surrendered to the West on the 7th May, 1945. **8th May 1945**, was the date the Allies celebrated the defeat of Nazi Germany (VE Day). VE Day is celebrated on the 8th May each year.

The USA Drops Atomic Bombs on Japan



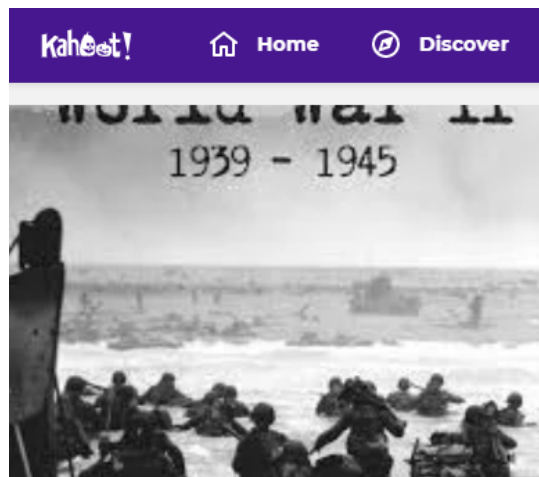
Smoke from the
Hiroshima Bomb

Although the war in Europe had come to an end, fighting continued in the Pacific. In an attempt to end the war as quickly as possible, the American president, Harry Truman, sanctioned the dropping of atomic bombs on two Japanese cities: Hiroshima on the **6th August, 1945** and Nagasaki on the **9th August, 1945**. On the 14th August, 1945, Japan surrendered to the West. The moral debate as to whether the use of such a weapon was justified, still rages on today.

The official end of the war was on the 2nd September, 1945 when Japan formally surrendered.

Let's see how much you can remember

<https://create.kahoot.it/details/world-war-2/6792c24c-2207-42b5-9381-1269831a4f67>



World War 2

