

# A Child's War

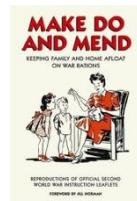


I know when World War 2 began and ended, in relation to other significant events.	I know why World War 2 began and which countries were involved.  I know that soldiers from across the world were recruited to fight for allied forces.	I know how the onset of war affected children and their families in London.	I know how war affected daily life for everyone in London.	I know how the war changed the roles of women.	I know that the NHS was created as part of a plan to rebuild Britain.
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## Key

### Vocabulary:

Air raid  
Allies  
Axis Powers  
Armistice  
Billeting officer  
Blackout  
Blitzkrieg  
Civilian  
Code  
Dictator  
Evacuation  
Propaganda  
Rationing  
Treaty  
Volunteers



### When was World War II?

World War II began when German troops invaded Poland on **1<sup>st</sup> April 1939**.

World War II ended when Japan formally surrendered to the Allies on **2 September 1945** (also called VJ Day).

**1939 - 1945**

### Life on the home front:

The war was not just fought by the military abroad. It was also fought by ordinary people at home.

**Rationing:** Food supplies were limited and had to be carefully shared out.

**Air Raids:** Attacks from planes.

**Blackouts:** Blacking out windows so enemy planes would not have a target in an air raid.

**Volunteers:** Many volunteers kept London going through the war days.

### How and why did World War 2 begin?

- End of World War 1
- Treaty of Versailles
- Rise of Adolf Hitler and Nazi Party
- Hitler's main aims
- Reclaiming land in Poland

While many countries were involved in the war, they each took sides - either with the Allies, or the Axis.

**Allies:** Great Britain, United States, France, Soviet Union.

**Axis:** Germany, Italy, Japan

### Evacuation:

When war broke out, children in London were **evacuated** to safer areas outside of London.



Some children were evacuated hundreds of miles away.

When they got to their new homes, **billeting officers** would be responsible for finding homes for the children to stay in.

### After the war:

William Beveridge led a group of people whose job it was to investigate what people in Britain needed to live better lives.

They came up with 'Five Giants' - disease, want, squalor, ignorance and idleness to tackle.

The NHS was set up in 1948.

