

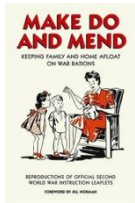
# A Child's War



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


### Women in the war:

Before the war, most women did not work.

When war broke out, many men went away to war and women took on their jobs in all different areas of life.

Post-war, women were pushed back into homes so men could resume work.

### 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.

