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| Event                           | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Dates                                            | <p><b>AIR RAID</b> – a bombing attack where explosives are dropped from aircraft onto the ground</p> <p><b>AIR RAID SIREN</b> – a loud alarm, warning resident to take cover in shelters when air raids occur</p> <p><b>AIR RAID SHELTER</b> – a place designed or repurposed so that residents can hide inside while air raids occur</p> <p><b>ALLIES</b> – The United Kingdom, France and Poland, later joined by other countries, including the USSR (Soviet Union), the United States of America and China.</p> <p><b>ANNEX</b> – To take another country’s land and make it part of your country.</p> <p><b>ATOMIC BOMB</b> – A very high-energy bomb made of radioactive material.</p> <p><b>AXIS</b> – The Axis Powers were originally Germany, Japan and Italy. Other countries joined them later.</p> <p><b>BLACKOUT</b> – a time when all lights must be turned off or covered to make it harder for the enemy to see their target during an air raid</p> <p><b>BLITZ</b> – a severe or sudden attack; the German air raids on Britain in 1940 – 1</p> <p><b>CONSCRIPTION</b> – a requirement by law for every eligible citizen to join the armed forces</p> <p><b>CZECHOSLOVAKIA</b> – A European country. Now two countries: the Czech Republic and Slovakia.</p> <p><b>EVACUATION</b> – the process of sending young people to live with host families during war time</p> <p><b>NAZI PARTY</b> – A German political party with racist and anti-Jewish ideas, led by Adolf Hitler.</p> <p><b>PROPAGANDA</b> – Information designed to promote a political idea or opinion.</p> <p><b>RATIONING</b> – allowing each person to have a limited amount of certain foods or commodities that are in short supply</p> | <p>The two sides that fought the war were called the Axis powers and the Allies. Germany, Italy, and Japan were the major Axis powers. The major Allies were the United States, the Soviet Union, the United Kingdom (Great Britain), and France. China also aided the Allies.</p> <div><div><div>The Allies</div><div><div><div><div><div></div><div>Neville Chamberlain<br/>British Prime Minister until 1940</div></div><div><div></div><div>Winston Churchill<br/>British Prime Minister from 1940</div></div><div><div></div><div>Charles de Gaulle<br/>French General</div></div><div><div></div><div>Franklin D. Roosevelt<br/>President of the USA</div></div><div><div></div><div>Joseph Stalin<br/>Soviet Union</div></div><div><div></div><div>Adolf Hitler<br/>Nazi German leader</div></div><div><div></div><div>Benito Mussolini<br/>Prime Minister of Italy</div></div><div><div></div><div>Hidetaki Tojo<br/>Prime Minister of Japan</div></div></div><div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div></div></div></div></div> |
| The Holocaust                   | The Holocaust was a genocide committed by Germany before and during WW2. It involved the murder of over 6 million Jewish people and millions of others. Many people perished in concentration camps.                 | 1933-1945                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Evacuation of Dunkirk           | Large numbers of British, French and Belgian troops were surrounded by German soldiers on the northern coast of France. 800 British boats set out and rescued many of them against the odds, although many men died. | 26 <sup>th</sup> May – 4 <sup>th</sup> June 1940 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| D-Day Landings                  | Also known as the Normandy Landings, these were a series of landing operations by the Allies to claim back Europe.                                                                                                   | 6 <sup>th</sup> June 1944                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Hitler’s Demise                 | With the German army facing defeat, Hitler married his partner Eva Braun on the 29th April and the next day he poisoned them both to evade capture.                                                                  | 30 <sup>th</sup> April 1945                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Germany Surrenders              | Germany officially surrendered to the Allies, bringing an end to the fighting in Europe.                                                                                                                             | 7 <sup>th</sup> May 1945                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Victory Europe Day              | Details of Germany’s surrender were circulated. People were extremely happy that the fighting had stopped. There were big celebrations and street parties. VE day was declared a national holiday.                   | 8 <sup>th</sup> May 1945                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| USA drops atomic bombs on Japan | Japan refused to surrender. The US considered invading, but instead dropped atomic bombs on Hiroshima (6 <sup>th</sup> August) and Nagasaki (9th August).                                                            | 6 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup> August 1945     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Victory Japan Day               | Victory over Japan Day (VJ Day) marks the day Japan surrendered on the 15 August 1945, effectively ending the Second World War.                                                                                      | 15 <sup>th</sup> August 1945                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| WW2 Ends                        | On September 2, 1945, formal surrender documents were signed aboard the USS Missouri, designating the day as the officially ending WW2 for everyone.                                                                 | 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 1945                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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|                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                  | <p>World War II involved many countries around the globe fighting against each other, including the UK. It lasted six years, from 1939-1945. The leader of Germany, Adolf Hitler, had plans to take over other countries. In March 1938, Germany invaded and annexed Austria, which made other countries worried. On 30th September 1938, British, French, German and Italian leaders signed a treaty which allowed Hitler to annex the Sudetenland (an area of Czechoslovakia) if he agreed not to invade anywhere else. However, Hitler broke the agreement, first invading the rest of Czechoslovakia and then Poland on 1st September. The Allies (Britain, France and Poland) had made a pact to support each other, so Britain and France declared war on Germany. Fighting ended in Europe on 7<sup>th</sup> May 1945 but conflict between Japan and the USA continued until the 15<sup>th</sup> of August 1945.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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