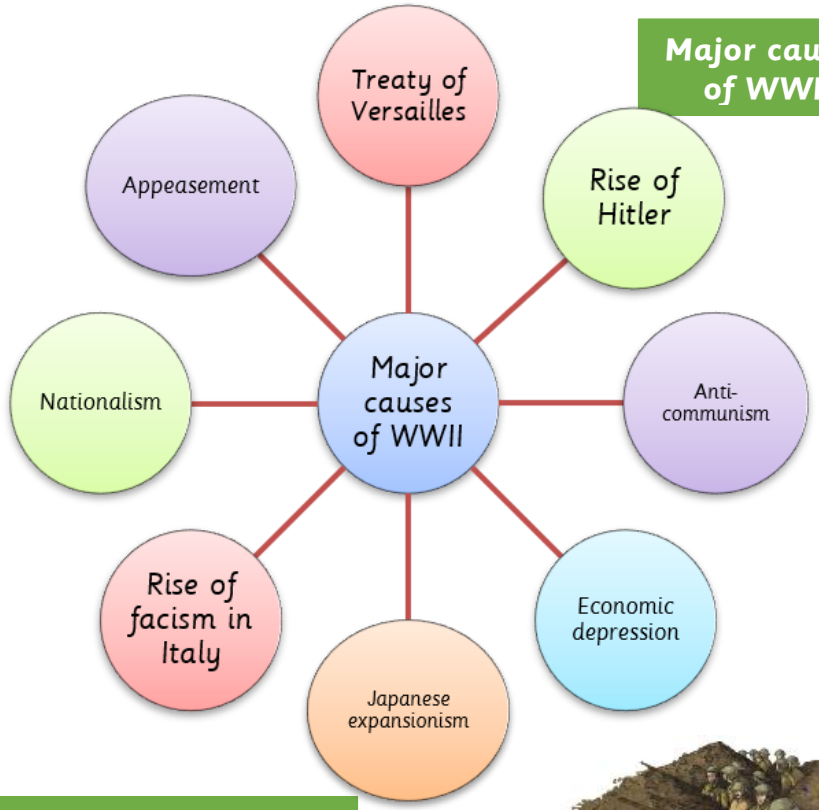
WORLD AT WAR

Key Vocabulary

air raid	An air raid is an attack by enemy aircraft that drop bombs on towns, cities or other places to destroy buildings and harm people.	**evacuee**	A child who, during the Second World War, was moved from a dangerous area to a safer place to protect them from bombing.
allies	The UK, France and Poland, later joined by other countries, including the USSR, USA and China.	**Holocaust**	When Nazi Germany caused the deaths of six million Jewish people during the Second World War.
Axis	The Axis Powers were originally Germany, Japan and Italy. Other countries joined them later.	**Kindertransport**	A rescue operation that brought thousands of Jewish children from Nazi-controlled countries to safety.
blitz	A period during the Second World War when German planes bombed British towns and cities.	**Luftwaffe**	The German air force during the Second World War, responsible for carrying out bombing raids on Britain.
conflict	A disagreement or struggle between people or groups, which can sometimes lead to fighting or war.	**Nazi**	A German political party with racist and anti-Jewish ideas, led by Adolf Hitler.
evacuation	The process of moving people, especially children, from dangerous towns and cities to safer places during the Second World War.	**persecution**	When someone is treated cruelly or unfairly because of who they are, what they believe or the group they belong to.

Treaty of Versailles
An agreement made after the First World War that punished Germany by making it give up land, reduce its army and pay money to other countries.

Major causes of WWII



Battle of the Somme



- 1st July – 18th Nov 1916.
- It took place in France.
- One of the most devastating events of the First World War.
- Over one million soldiers died.
- 19 000 British soldiers were killed on the first day of battle.

1914–1918	1936–1939	1939–1945	1955–1975	1982	2001–2014	2011–present	2014–present	2022-present
First World War	Spanish Civil War	Second World War	Vietnam War	Falklands Conflict	War in Afghanistan	Syria Conflict	Global Coalition to Defeat ISIS	Russian invasion of Ukraine

Commemorative Events



Every year, special celebrations are planned to honour and remember the people whose lives were affected by the war. Large commemorations are usually held for events including the evacuation from Dunkirk, Holocaust Memorial Day, VE Day, D-Day and the Battle of Britain, as well as for Remembrance Day.

Battle of Britain

- **Dates:** July 10th,1940 - October 31st, 1940
- **Countries involved:** UK, Canada, Germany and Italy
- A long series of air attacks against GB during WWII.
- German air force, or Luftwaffe, was sent to attack British planes and ships.
- **Winner:** United Kingdom and Canada



The Holocaust

The **Holocaust** is the killing of over six million **Jewish** people before and during WWII, organised by Adolf Hitler. He blamed the Jews for the problems in Germany and promoted widespread public hatred of them. Jewish people were bullied, **persecuted**, abused and **discriminated** against. Many Jews were sent to **concentration camps** where they were forced to work like **slaves**. Many **died** through infection, starvation or exhaustion. Others were sent to death camps where they were killed in **gas chambers**. This form of mass killing is called **genocide**.



United Kingdom



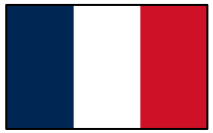
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Germany



Russia

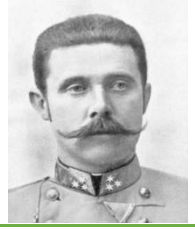
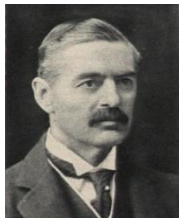
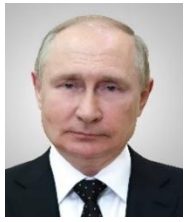


France



Ukraine

Key Leaders

							
Archduke Franz Ferdinand	Neville Chamberlain	Winston Churchill	Adolf Hitler	Leopoldo Galtieri	Margaret Thatcher	Volodymyr Zelensky	Vladimir Putin
Heir to the throne of Austria-Hungary	*UK Prime Minister*	*UK Prime Minister*	*Dictator of Germany*	*President of Argentina*	*UK Prime Minister*	*Ukrainian President*	*President of Russia*
-	1937-1940	1940-1945	1933-1945	1981-1982	1979 -1980	2019 -	2000-8 and 2012 -