









---- How did Britain defend itself against the German threat in WW2? Knowledge Organiser ----

Key Vocabulary		
<b>Air raid</b>		An attack by enemy planes dropping bombs
<b>Allies</b>		Countries (including Britain, France, the Soviet Union and the USA) who fought the Axis Powers.
<b>Axis</b>		Germany, Japan, Italy and other countries that fought against the Allies.
<b>Evacuation</b>		Moving people from dangerous areas to safer places.
<b>Invasion</b>		When an army or country uses force to enter and take control of another country or area.
<b>Occupied</b>		Taken over by enemy forces.
<b>Propaganda</b>		Information, especially of a biased or misleading nature, used to promote a political cause or point of view.
<b>Rationing</b>		Controlling the supply of food, clothes, petrol and other products to avoid or reduce shortages.

<b>When was WW2 and who was involved?</b>		  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Allied and Axis Powers</b></p>
<b>What were the key methods of military defence?</b>		In July 1940, the leader of Germany, Adolf Hitler, planned to invade Britain using an air raid.
<b>What were the key methods of civil defence?</b>		Britain defended itself by using anti-aircraft guns, air raid shelters and blackouts.
<b>How did evacuation help Britain's defence?</b>		Children, mothers with very young children, pregnant women, disabled people, teachers and helpers to look after the children were moved (evacuated) from the cities to the countryside.
<b>How did the role of women in WW2 help Britain?</b>		When men went to fight, women were called upon to fill their jobs, such as: being mechanics, engineers, driving ambulances and fire engines as well as being air raid wardens. These were previously thought of unsuitable for women.
<b>How did propaganda help Britain's defence?</b>		Propaganda was used to encourage people to fight, support the war cause, obey rationing rules and to help those in need.

1 <sup>st</sup> September 1939	3 <sup>rd</sup> September 1939	10 <sup>th</sup> May 1940	10 <sup>th</sup> July 1940	7 <sup>th</sup> September 1940	8 <sup>th</sup> May 1945	September 1945
Germany invaded Poland	Britain declared war on Germany	Winston Churchill becomes Prime Minister	Battle of Britain begins	Blitz begins	VE Day- Victory in Europe day- WW2 over in Europe	VJ Day- Victory in Japan day- WW2 officially over