

Year 9 History – Unit 3: Was the Second World War 'Britain's Finest Hour'?

The Big Picture:



How did the Nazi's gain control over Europe by 1940?
- Dunkirk Deliverance or Disaster?

How did the Battle of Britain affect the war?

Key Piece - How did the attack on Pearl Harbour affect the war?

How did the Battle of Stalingrad affect the war?

How did the D Day landings affect the war?

Was America right to drop the atomic bomb?

Was the Second World War "Britain's finest hour?"

Key Individuals



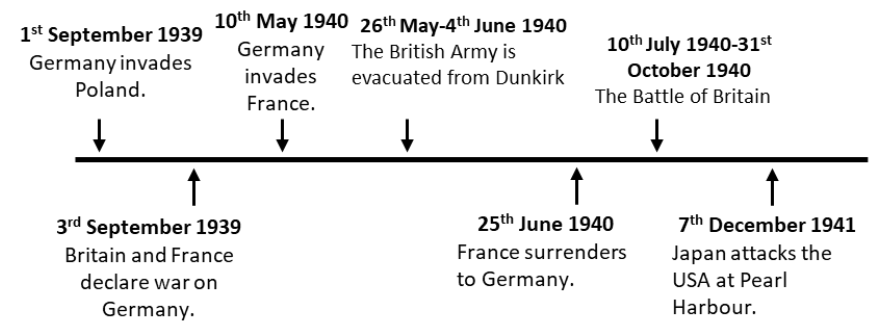
Winston Churchill: British Prime Minister from 1940-1945.



Adolf Hitler: The leader of Germany from 1933-1945 who believed that Germany needed to conquer Europe and the USSR.

Allied powers	Axis powers
United Kingdom	Nazi Germany
France	Italy
USA	Japan
USSR	
China	

Careers – See the Big Picture: See the big picture by paying attention to how the economy, politics and society connect with your own life and career. Being aware of the relationship between career, politics and the economy



Key words	Definition
Blitzkrieg	A German military tactic that involved using fast moving units to break through the enemy front line and is translated from 'lightning war'.
British Expeditionary Force (BEF)	The name for the British soldiers that were sent to fight against Germany in France between 1939-1940.
Operation Dynamo	The name of the British plan that used the Royal Navy to evacuate the British Army from Dunkirk in 1940.
Luftwaffe	The German air force.
Radar	A system that allows planes to be detected and tracked.
Armistice	An agreement to stop fighting for a set period of time.
Aircraft carrier	A ship that used to carry aircraft that can be used to attack and sink other ships.
Battleship	A large powerful ship that carried heavy guns but was slow moving.
Destroyer	A smaller more lightly armed ship that was fast moving.