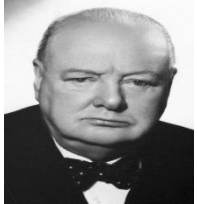


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Was it Britain's Finest Hour?

People of Interest



Winston Churchill



Adolf Hitler



President Roosevelt



Date	Key Events
September 1, 1939	Germany invades Poland
September 3, 1939	Britain and France declare war on Germany (start of WW2)
January 1940	Rationing introduced across the UK
May – June 1940	Dunkirk evacuated and France surrenders to Germany
July 1940	Germany launches air attacks on Britain (<i>Battle of Britain and Blitz begin</i>)
December 7, 1941	The Japanese attack the US Navy in Pearl Harbour. The next day, the USA enter the war on the side of the allies
June 6, 1944	D-day and the Normandy invasion. Allied forces invade France and push back the Germans
April 30, 1945	Adolf Hitler commits suicide
May 7, 1945	Germany surrenders and victory in Europe is declared the next day
August 1945	Atomic bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan by the US, killing approximately 226,000 people
September 2, 1945	Japan surrenders, signalling the end of WW2
July 1954	Rationing ends in the UK

‘History will be kind to me for I intend to write it!’ (Churchill)

‘Never in the field of human conflict, has so much, be owed by so many, to so few’ (Churchill)

‘The world must know what happened and never forget’ (General Eisenhower US)

Friends or Enemies?

The Allies (supporting Britain)		The Axis (supporting Germany)	
Australia	New Zealand	Italy	Hungary
India	Soviet Union	Japan	Bulgaria
China	USA	Romania	
France	Poland		

Useful Vocabulary

Term	Definition
Evacuee	A person who is moved away from a place of danger
Rationing	A fixed amount of food and provisions
Blackout	The turning off of all lights in a city so bombers can see their target
The Blitz	A huge air strike on London over 57 nights
Nazi	A German Fighter
Gas Mask	Protective mask to prevent breathing in poisonous chemicals
Air Raid	Military aeroplanes sent to bomb an area