



**HISTORICAL  
TIMELINE**

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| 12000 BC  | 3100BC            | 2200 BC    | 800BC    | 700BC          | 27BC         | 0               | 410          | 570                        | 800             | 1000            | 1914-1918   | 1920          | 1939-1945    | 2000         | 2020        |
| Stone Age | Ancient Egyptians | Bronze Age | Iron Age | Ancient Greeks | Roman Empire | 2,020 years ago | Anglo Saxons | Early Islamic Civilisation | Viking Invasion | 1,020 years ago | World War I | 100 years ago | World War II | 20 years ago | Present Day |

**World War I**

**World War II**

**Timeline of Events**

|                      |   |
|----------------------|---|
| 28 June 1914         | Assassination of Arch-Duke Franz Ferdinand  |
| 4 August 1914        | Britain declares war on Germany   |
| August-December 1914 | Germany's Schlieffen Plan fails to defeat France and Britain quickly; system of trenches is dug from Switzerland to the English Channel |
| April 1915           | Second Battle of Ypres – poison gas used for the first time   |
| 31 May-1 June 1916   | Battle of Jutland – the only major sea battle of the war proves inconclusive  |
| 1 July – Nov 1916    | Battle of the Somme   |
| 6 April 1917         | USA declares war on Germany; enters WW1   |
| March 1918           | Russia signs an Treaty of Brest Litovsk with Germany after the Bolshevik Revolution   |
| 9 Nov 1918           | Kaiser Wilhelm abdicates  |
| 11 Nov 1918          | Germany signs armistice, ending the war   |



**Vocabulary**

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| <b>treaty</b>    | written agreement between countries in which they agree to do a particular thing or to help each other |
| <b>tyrant</b>    | someone who treats the people they have authority over in a cruel and unfair way                       |
| <b>violated</b>  | breaking an agreement, law, or promise   |
| <b>seize</b>     | taking control of a place quickly and suddenly, using force.   |
| <b>invasion</b>  | when a foreign army enters a country by force.   |
| <b>abort</b>     | stopping a process, plan, or activity before it has been completed.                                    |
| <b>conflict</b>  | a serious disagreement and argument about something important  |
| <b>fatality</b>  | a death caused by an accident or by violence   |
| <b>Holocaust</b> | the killing of millions of Jews by the Nazis   |
| <b>rationing</b> | A system during World War 2 to limit the amount of food you were allowed to buy.                       |
| <b>Blitz</b>     | attacked by bombs dropped by enemy aircraft  |
| <b>evacuate</b>  | to send someone to a place of safety, away from a dangerous building, town, or area                    |



**Timeline of Events**

|                           |  |
|---------------------------|--|
| 1918                      | The Treaty of Versailles - ending WW1.   |
| 1933                      | The Nazi Party (led by Adolf Hitler) came to power in Germany.                                 |
| 1936                      | Hitler moved troops into the Rhineland, violating the terms of the Treaty of Versailles.       |
| 1938                      | German troops invaded Austria.   |
| 1939                      | German troops invaded Czechoslovakia.  |
| 1st September 1939        | German troops invaded Poland.  |
| 3rd September 1939        | Britain declared war on Germany because they had invaded Poland. The Second World War started. |
| July - October 1940       | The Battle of Britain - attacks on British towns, cities and ports from the German air force.  |
| September 1940 - May 1941 | The Blitz attacks. German bomber planes attacked Britain at night.                             |
| 8th May 1945              | Victory Day in Europe (VE Day) - the day the war officially ended.                             |

**Which new weapons helped Britain to win the war?**

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|-------------------|---|
| <b>Tanks</b>      | First used in 1916, they broke through German defences and sheltered British troops                             |
| <b>Poison gas</b> | Although cruel and at the mercy of the weather, it instilled fear into soldiers on both sides                   |
| <b>Aeroplanes</b> | Very useful for reconnaissance and bombing / preventing bombing raids   |
| <b>Artillery</b>  | The 'creeping barrage' first used in 1916 forced Germans to remain in their shelters while the British advanced |

**Why did British men join up in 1914?**

|                                  |   |
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| <b>Patriotism</b>                | British men were brought up to love their King and country                        |
| <b>Social pressure</b>           | Fear of being called a coward or being given a white feather by a woman           |
| <b>Sense of adventure</b>        | Many British men had never travelled abroad – this was a chance to see the world! |
| <b>Propaganda</b>                | British propaganda posters used very persuasive techniques                        |
| <b>Belief in a quick victory</b> | Many men thought that the war would be 'over by Christmas'                        |

**Famous People**

|                             |   |
|-----------------------------|---|
| <b>Adolf Hitler</b>         | Leader of the German Nazi party. He invaded Poland which started the war. |
| <b>Winston Churchill</b>    | Prime Minister of Britain for the majority World War 2                    |
| <b>Franklin D Roosevelt</b> | President of the USA during World War 2                                   |
| <b>Joseph Stalin</b>        | Leader of Russia during World War 2                                       |
| <b>Benito Mussolini</b>     | Leader of Italy during World War 2  |
| <b>Anne Frank</b>           | A victim of the Holocaust who kept a diary of her time in hiding          |

**Countries Involved in World War 2**

| Allies        | Axis    |
|---------------|---------|
| Great Britain | Germany |
| USA           | Japan   |
| Russia        | Italy   |
| France        |         |

**Recommended websites**

- <https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/history/general-history/first-world-war/>
- <https://www.theschoolrun.com/homework-help/world-war-2>