WWII Knowledge Organiser

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Date	Key Event	Important
		Locations
30/01/1933	Adolf Hitler is appointed Chancellor of Germany (Weimar Republic).	Berlin, Germany
23/08/1939	The Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact is signed. This was a non-aggression	Moscow, Soviet
	pact between the Soviet Union and Nazi Germany.	Union
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	also later invades Poland from the East. War is declared by Britain	
	and France on 3 rd September.	
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	invasion of the Soviet Union in what was called Operation	Borders with the
	Barbarossa.	Soviet Union.
8/12/1941	USA declares war on Japan the day after Pearl Harbour is bombed	Pearl Harbour,
	and joins the Allied Forces. This is after extensive territorial gains by	Hawaii
	the Japanese, attacking the American's out of fear.	
June-July	After years of oppression by Axis forces, the Allies begin a counter-	Normany, France
1944	offensive. Soviet forces push back in the East, whereas British,	
	Canadian, Australian and American forces embark on the D-Day	
	Landings.	
2/09/1945	WWII Is officially over following the surrender of Japan to the USA.	Hiroshima and
	Hitler commits suicide in April and Germany surrendered a week	Nagasaki, Japan
	later.	
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Key people	Their Role
Winston Churchill	Prime minister of the United Kingdom from 1940-45.
Emperor Hirohito	Emperor and leader of Japan.
Hermann Goering	Reichsmarschall and leader of the Luftwaffe (Air Force) and trusted friend of Adolf Hitler.
Field Marshal	British Military Commander who was involved in the planning and execution of
Montgomery	the Normandy Landings.
Charles de Gaulle	Former President of France who led the Free French Army in their resistance against the Nazi occupation of France.
Joseph Stalin	Pupil of communist revolutionist Vladimir Lenin, and leader of the Soviet Union throughout WWII. He was a feared leader behind many unsolved disappearances at the time.





Vocabulary	Definition
Non-aggression	An agreement between two countries to not attack each other.
Oppression	A prolonged cruel or unjust treatment or exercise of authority.
Weimar Republic	A German state set up after the events of the First World War.
Blitzkreig	German advance around the Ardennes Forest at a striking pace.
Wehrmacht	German Army
Kamikaze	A Japanese pilot whose flight would usually end by crashing purposefully into American ships.
Liberation	The act of freeing someone from imprisonment, oppression or slavery.

Timeline for Kids

1 September 1939 Germany invades Poland

3 September 1939 Great Britain and France

declare war on Germany

10 May 1940

Winston Churchill became the British Prime Minister after Neville Chamberlain

10 June 1940

and France becomes an ally with Germany

10 July - 31 October 1940

The Battle of Britain

8 September 1941-27 January 1944

7 December 1941

naval base at Pearl Harbor

8 December 1941

The US declared war on Jag

8 May 1945 Germany surrendered to the Allies

> **6** August 1945 – 9 August 1945

Hiroshima and Nagasaki Bombing

2 September 1945 Japan officially surrendered,

