

HISTORY: World war I and II 1914 - 1945

Summer 1914	Dec 1914	July 1916	June 1919	Sept 1939	June 1940	June 1941	June 1944	Sept 1945
Archduke Franz Ferdinand, Austrian prince, is assassinated	An unofficial truce is declared between the two sides at Christmas.	Battle of the Somme	The Treaty of Versailles is signed - World War I comes to an end.	World War II begins (Germany invades Poland). <i>Allies: UK, France, Russia (USA)</i> <i>Axis: Germany, Italy, Japan</i>	Germany begin bombing the UK (the Blitz begins).	Germany and the Axis powers attack Russia with 4 million troops.	D-Day and the Normandy invasion. Allied forces push back Germany.	World War II ends (Japan surrenders to USA)



Key Vocabulary	
allies (ww1) (noun)	An alliance between a number of countries including Britain, France, Russia (Italy/Japan WW1).
central/axis (noun)	The Central Powers included Germany, Austria-Hungary and Ottoman Empire (Italy/Japan WW2).
armistice (verb)	An agreement by both sides to stop fighting while a peace treaty is negotiated.
front line (noun)	The point at which the armies of each side met.
Treaty of Versailles (noun)	The treaty between the Allies and Germany that ended World War I.
trench warfare (noun)	A type of land warfare where each side digs long lines of trenches for protection.
Western front (noun)	The region of fighting that took place in Europe
appeasement (verb)	Powers gave in to Hitler's demands in order to avoid going to war.
Blitzkrieg (noun)	This means "lightning war" in German. Hitler would attack quickly and try to take over a country.
Nazi (noun)	The Nazi Party was a political party in Germany led by Adolf Hitler.
Luftwaffe (noun)	Name for German air force (RAF – British air force)

Key facts
Before World War II began in 1939, World War I was called the Great War , the World War or the War to End all Wars . 135 countries took part in World War I , and more than 15 million people died. https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/history/general-history/first-world-war/
Some 75 million people died in World War II . For almost six years from 1939 to 1945 Britain fought the toughest war it had ever experienced. World War II was total war - every person, every business, every service was involved. Britain did not fight alone, as the war also involved many countries - World War II involved 61 countries with 1.7 billion people (three quarters of the world's population). https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/primary-resource/second-world-war-primary-resource/
Anne Frank , of German-Dutch Jewish heritage, was killed during World War II – her diary is now a famous recount of what it was like to live in fear.

“History is a version of past events that people have decided to agree upon.” – Napoleon Bonaparte

Key Figures		
Franklin Roosevelt	Adolf Hitler	Winston Churchill
		
Archduke Franz Ferdinand	David Lloyd George	Kaiser Wilhelm II
		

