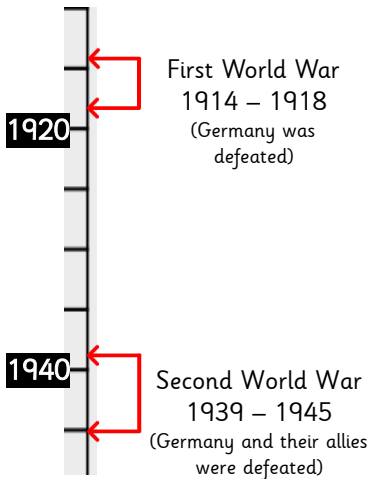




## PLACE IN TIME



## HEADLINES

The Battle of Britain was one of many battles fought in the Second World War.



A pivotal air battle that Britain had to win because the German invasion of Britain was looming.

**'The Few'** were the airmen who fought in the Battle of Britain.

**Women** took an active part in the war, including Women's Auxiliary Air Force and Women's Land Army.

## LEADERS

**Adolf Hitler**



Dictator  
German Nazi Party

**antisemitic views**

hostility and prejudice  
against Jewish people

**Invaded Poland**  
1st September 1939  
**Britain at war**

**Winston Churchill**



took over as  
Prime Minister of  
the United  
Kingdom in 1940  
|  
France was falling  
into Nazi  
occupation  
|  
May 1940

## MAINLAND EUROPE

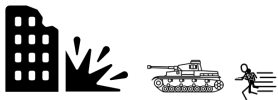
The German army led a ferocious campaign to defeat European countries not willing to surrender or join them.



A new type of warfare had been invented by the German armed forces

**Blitzkrieg**

lightning + war  
surprise attack with rapid and  
overwhelming force



Germany quickly invaded  
Netherlands, Belgium and  
Luxembourg

**June 1940**



**Battle of France lost**

Britain, supported by countries in  
its empire, began a defence  
against the German invasion.

## THE BATTLE OF BRITAIN

**1940**



**September 1939**

Children, mothers with infants and  
the frail were evacuated from  
British cities to rural locations



**January 1940**

Rationing introduced to ensure food  
was shared fairly



**1st July 1940**

Channel islands (Guernsey and Jersey) invaded  
and occupied by Germans

**STARTED**

**10th July 1940**

**Luftwaffe** (German air force) attacked British  
supply ships in the English Channel



Hitler prepares **Operation Sea Lion**  
a landing operation against Great Britain!

## GREAT BRITAIN

**13th August 1940**

Luftwaffe attacked British  
airfields and factories

**BRITISH RADAR**

identified location  
of German threat



RAF fighter planes  
sent to intercept them



**24th August 1940**

German bombers  
accidentally bombed  
houses in London



British bombed city of Berlin

Hitler ordered London and major  
British cities to be bombed

**7th September 1940**

**BLITZ begins**



**15th September 1940**

**Battle of Britain Day**

Luftwaffe lost many planes and  
realised they could not  
achieve air supremacy

**17th September 1940**

Hitler postpones Operation Sea Lion

**31st October 1940** ← **END**

Battle of Britain ended  
(although German bombing raids still  
continued until 1941)