

Turning Points in British History

World War II in Europe 1939–1941



Key Knowledge

- Reign of King Edward VII – 1901-1910
- Reign of King George V – 1910-1936
- World War 1 – 1914-1918
- The Battle of Somme – 1916
- Armistice – 11th November 1918
- The treaty of Versailles – 28th June 1919
- Abdication of Edward VIII – 1936
- Reign of King George VI – 1936-1952
- World War 2 – 1939-1945
- The Battle of Britain – 1940
- Normandy Landings – 6th June 1944
- Reign of Queen Elizabeth II - 19
- Coronation Street – first aired 1961
- JFK Assassination – 1963
- I have a dream speech – Martin Luther King – 1963
- The Beatles first hit – 1963
- England won the World Cup – 1969
- Decimalised currency replaces pounds, shillings and pence - 1971

Subject Specific Key Terms

Holocaust	Mass murder of Jews and other groups of people by the Nazis
Allies	Countries which fought on the British side (including: USA, France, Russia)
Armistice Day	The end of the 1 st World War – On the 11 th hour of the 11 th day of the 11 th month.
Axis	Countries which fought on the German side (including: Italy, Germany, Japan, Russia)
Rationing	The controlled distribution of scarce resources – mainly food and clothing
Mersey beat style	Style of Pop music originating in Liverpool with bands such as the Beatles
Super Powers	The emergence of the Superpowers as countries such as Great Britain, Russia and the USA gain power and economic security
Luftwaffe	The German air force responsible for the Blitz
Treaty of Versailles	Peace treaty that brought about the end of World War 1.

Key Figures

Adolf Hitler	Leader of the Nazi Party and Chancellor of Germany 1933-1945
Winston Churchill	UK Prime Minister 1940 – 1945 and 1951 - 1955
Neville Chamberlain	UK Prime Minister 1937 – 1940
Franklin D Roosevelt	US President 1933 – 1945. Took the US into war following the Perl Harbour attacks
Joseph Stalin	General Secretary of the Communist Party and leader of the USSR 1929 - 1953
Lloyd George	Lead Britain to victory in World War 1 in 1918 and remained Prime Minister until 1922.
George V	George Frederick Ernest Albert; 3 June 1865 – 20 January 1936 was King of the United Kingdom from 6 May 1910 until his death in 1936.
George VI	December 14, 1895 to February 6, 1952, crowned as king of the United Kingdom in 1937, was an important symbolic leader for the British people during World War II. He supported Winston Churchill completely throughout the war and even visited armies on the battle fronts
The Beatles	Ringo Starr, John Lennon, Paul McCartney & George Harrison