

## Year 6 Spring Unit: London at War

### Enquiry Question: What role did propaganda play in World war II?

#### Retrieval Vocabulary

borders, colonies, democracy, dictator, dominion, economy, empire, invasion, past, persecution, treaty

#### Key Unit Vocabulary

**Alliance** - a union between countries for mutual benefit

**Allies** - cooperation between two or more parties

**Annex** - to add to ones territory

**Appeasement** - the process of trying to stop someone doing something by giving them what they want

**Anti-Semite** - a person prejudice against the Jews

**Conspiracy Theory** - to believe that someone planned an unexplained event

**Death Toll** - the number of deaths resulting from a particular cause

**Demoralise** - to cause someone to lose confidence or hope

**Evacuation** - the act of removing someone from danger

**Morale** - the confidence, enthusiasm, and discipline of a person or group

**Neutral** - not supporting either side

**Propaganda** - information, especially of a biased or misleading nature, used to promote a political cause or point of view

**Reparations** - the act of making amends for something that was wrong

**Totalitarianism** - a dictatorial system of government

**Tyranny** - oppressive rule

**Weaponry** - weapons

**Historical Concept:** evidence, change and continuity, similarities and differences

#### Key Unit Facts

- Germany surrendered World War I in 1918 and had to pay reparations to France and other countries.
- In 1933, Adolf Hitler took power in Germany leading the National Socialists Party.
- In 1939, Hitler invaded Poland, which caused Britain and France to declare war on Germany.
- Winston Churchill replaced Neville Chamberlain as Prime Minister in May 1940.
- During the Blitz, London was bombed for fifty-seven consecutive nights. The worst hit part of London was the Docklands area.
- One million women, children, elderly and disabled people were evacuated from London during WWII.
- Japan was reluctant to surrender, so the USA decided to use the atomic bomb to force their surrender. Two of these were dropped; one on Hiroshima (August 6th 1945) and Nagasaki (August 9th 1945).



During the Blitz, 180,000 Londoners sheltered in the London Underground.

Examples of British propaganda from WWII.

