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World War 2 – What was life like in Britain from 1939-1945?



STICKY KNOWLEDGE

Britain went to war in 1939 with Nazi Germany after the failure of appeasement.	Evacuation was the relocation of children from urban cities, especially London, to rural areas to escape the bombing.	Evacuees had a variety of experiences: both positive and negative.
Britain managed to remain firm against the German threat	Home front objects were: darning mushroom, incendiary. shovel, headlamp cover, air raid siren, stirrup pump, wooden rattle and torch.	VE Day – Victory in Europe was the celebration of the end of the war.

KEY VOCABULARY

Appeasement	giving people what they want to prevent them from harming you or being angry with you.
Evacuation	the action of a person moving away from somewhere to escape danger
Home Front	the people who stay in a country and work while that country's soldiers are fighting in a war in a foreign country.
Evacuees	a person evacuated from a place of danger.
Propaganda	information, usually biased or misleading, to convince people to think a certain way
Censorship	the removal of any information seen as unacceptable by the government

- Alan Turing:** - Was a British Mathematician and computer scientist
 - Born June 23, 1912, London, England—died June 7, 1954, Wilmslow, Cheshire)
 - At the outbreak of war with Germany in September 1939, he moved to the organization's wartime headquarters at Bletchley Park, Buckinghamshire.
 - Turing essentially pioneered the idea of computer memory. In 1936, Turing published a seminal paper called "On Computable Numbers" which *The Washington Post* has called "the founding document of the computer age."

