


Knowledge Organiser – Year 9: Turning points in the Second World War

Key vocabulary

1	Appeasement	A policy aimed at avoiding war by giving in to demands.
2	Allied powers	The main allies in the Second World War were Britain, the USA, the USSR and China.
3	Axis powers	Countries who fought on the side of Nazi Germany in the Second World War. Germany's main allies were Italy and Japan.
4	Evacuation	Taking people away from an area.
5	Expeditionary	Setting off to a foreign country, for example the British Expeditionary Force (BEF) went to France during the Second World War.
6	Luftwaffe	The German air force
7	RAF	Royal Air Force (Britain's air force)
8	Operation Barbarossa	German plan to invade the Soviet Union
9	Operation Dynamo	the rescue operation implemented by the Royal Navy at Dunkirk.

10	Rearmament	Building up armed forces and increasing stocks of weapons.
11	Red Army	The army of the Soviet Union from 1922 onwards.
12	Wehrmacht	The name of the German Army.
13	Western Front	Where Britain, the USA and their allies were fighting against Germany.
14	Eastern Front	Where the USSR were fighting against Germany.

Key People

15	Neville Chamberlain	British Prime Minister 1937-1940.
16	Adolf Hitler 	Dictator of Germany from 1933 – April 1945.
17	Benito Mussolini 	Fascist leader of Italy from 1922 – 1943.
18	Joseph Stalin 	Communist leader of the Soviet Union from 1922 – 1953.
19	Winston Churchill 	Prime Minister of the UK from 1940-1945, during the Second World War.
20	Franklin D Roosevelt 	The American president during WWII.
21	Harry S Truman 	US President who ordered the dropping of the Atomic bombs on Japan

Timeline

