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| **Topic: World War II – Home Front** | | | | | **Strand: Post 1066 Period/ Local History** | | | | |
| **What should I already know?** | | **What will I find out by the end of the unit?** | | | **Vocabulary** | | | | |
| Features of **rural** and **urban** areas in the United Kingdom. The chronology of British history.  Characteristics of London.  The location of Germany in the continent of Europe. | | After the loss of WWI in 1918, Germany’s economy had suffered. In 1934, the people voted for **Hitler**, the leader of the **Nazi** Party to lead them after he had offered them hope.  Even though he spoke of peace, **Hitler** and the **Nazi** Party **invaded** Austria and Czechoslovakia.  Two days after the **invasion** of Poland, Britain declared war on **Nazi** Germany.  **Evacuation:**  Many children living in **urban** areas were moved temporarily from their homes to places considered safer, usually out in **rural** areas of Britain  The British **evacuation** began on Friday 1 September 1939. It was called 'Operation Pied Piper'.  When the war was over, Government began to make travel arrangements to return the **evacuees** to their homes  **Rationing:**  As part of their **campaign, Nazi** Germans tried to cut off supplies of food and other goods coming to Britain by attacking many of the ships that brought food to Britain.  This meant that there was less food for the people - whatever food was grown, produced or managed to enter Britain was **rationed** **-** people used the Ration Book during this time.  **Jobs:**  Many men fought in the war and so women were tasked to carry out much of the war work. However, some jobs were protected - men who held these jobs were not called up to join the army (e.g. doctors, miners)  Jobs undertaken by women during the war included mechanics, ambulance drivers and **air raid wardens**.  **Local History:**  Newhaven was used as a fort during the war and landing craft set off from there during D-Day | | | **air raid** an attack by military aircraft in which bombs are dropped  **Blitz** The heavy bombing of British cities by German aircraft in 1940 and 1941 is referred to as the Blitz  **Campaign** a planned set of activities that people carry out over a period of time  **Defend** take action in order to protect something  **Economy** A country's economy is the wealth that it gets from business and industry  **Evacuate** To evacuate someone means to send them to a place of safety  **Industrial** An industrial city or country is one in which industry is important  **Industry** the work and processes involved in collecting raw materials, and making them into products in factories  **Invasion** to try and take over a place by force  **Luftwaffe** the German Air Force  **Military** relating to or belonging to the army  **Nazi** a member of the far-right political party in Germany  **Prime Minister** The leader of the government in some countries  **Rationing** the system of limiting the amount of food, water, petrol, or other substances when there is not enough of them  **Rural** places that are far away from large towns or cities  **Surrenders** stop fighting or resisting someone  **Urban** belonging to, or relating to, a town or city  **Warden** a person who is responsible for a particular place or thing | | | | |
| **Historical Skills and Enquiry** | |
| * Look at different sources that tell us about life in Britain during WW2 - newspaper articles, ration books, diary entries, photographs. Discuss reliability of sources and what makes them similar/different. * Read the transcript of Neville Chamberlain’s speech - what information can you gather about why he declared war? * Describe how Britain was able to stand firm against the **Nazi** bombing **campaign.** What was life like for different groups of people in Britain during the war? What were the causes and consequences of World War II on Britain? * Give clear reasons why there may be different accounts of history. | |
| **Timeline** |  | | **Transport** | * What food was rationed in World War II | | **Food** | * What type of transported changed how people fought in World War II? | **Women** | * How did women’s role change during World War II? |