Geography

Human

How did European Geography influence war strategy?
- Routes of Invasion
- Allies and Axis
- Pre and post war Europe

Map skills

- Interpret distribution maps and use thematic maps for information
- Align a map with a route – relevant to your topic
- Use 6 figure coordinates to locate feature
- Use aerial photograph
- Large scale street maps and large scale Ordnance Survey maps (1:1250. 1:2500)
- Use maps to research factual information about
- Locations and features.

What was the Holocaust (Sho'ah)?

What were the consequences of WW2 for England and Plymouth?
- Evacuation
- Rationing
- Bombing
- Dig for Victory

History

Year 6 Local Study – WW2 and Plymouth

What were the causes of WW2?
- Outcomes from WW1
- Desire for Lebensraum
- German economic crisis

Local Link

- Why was Plymouth a target?
- How did the Blitz affect Plymouth?
- What evidence of the war is evident in Plymouth?
- How was Plymouth rebuilt after the war?

History link

World War Two was the most destructive global conflict in history. It began when Nazi Germany unleashed ferocious attacks across Europe - but it spread to the Soviet Union, China, Japan and the United States.
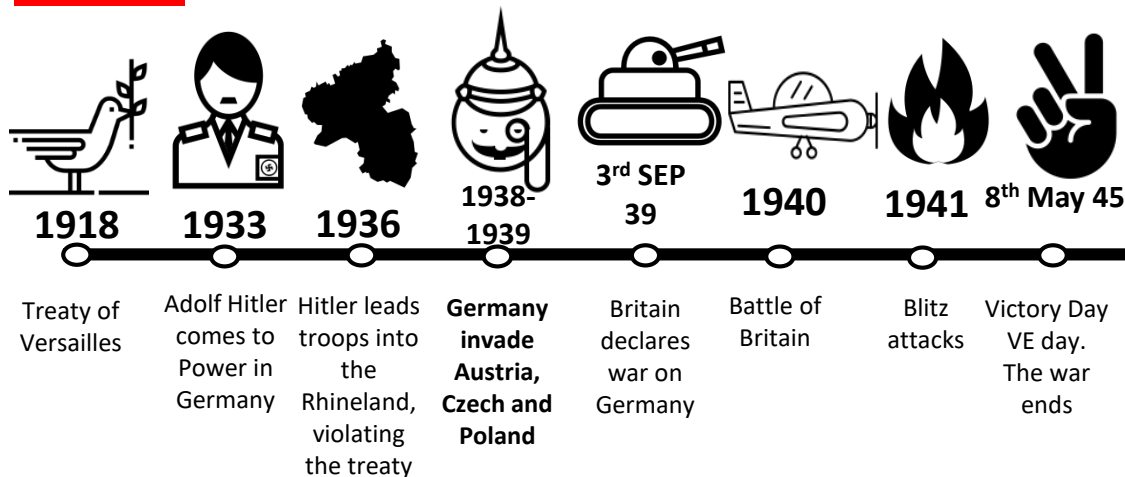Cities were destroyed by air raids, the atom bomb was dropped on Japan and six million Jews were killed in the Holocaust. Over 50 million soldiers and civilians died. However, the war that consumed half the world started with a peace agreement.
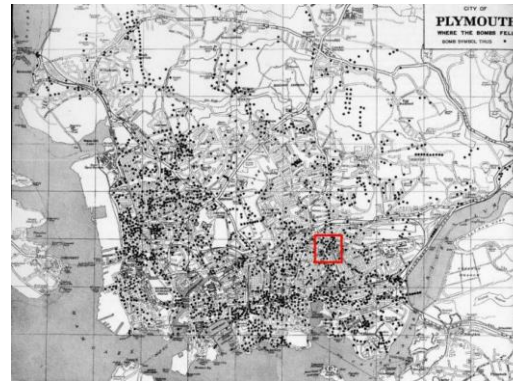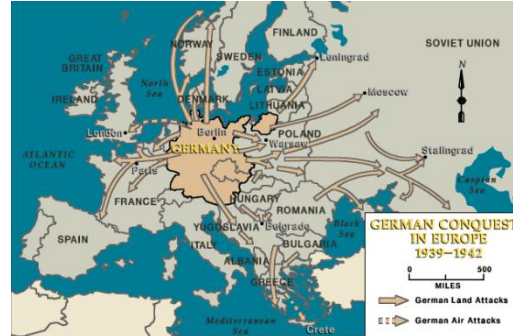
Local Area

The **Plymouth Blitz** was a series of bombing raids carried out by the Nazi German *Luftwaffe* on the English city of Plymouth in the Second World War. The bombings launched on numerous British cities were known as the Blitz.
The dockyards at Devonport were the main target of the German air force during World War Two, but often their bombs fell on the city. The first bombs fell on Plymouth in July 1940 killing three people. In early 1941 five raids reduced much of the city to rubble. Attacks continued as late as May 1944. During the war the two main shopping centres of Plymouth and nearly every civic building were destroyed. 26 schools, eight cinemas and 41 churches were also destroyed. In total, 3,754 houses were destroyed with a further 18,398 seriously damaged.

Mapping

GERMAN CONQUESTS IN EUROPE 1939–1942

CITY OF PLYMOUTH WHERE THE BOMBS FELL

Key Terms

treaty - a formally concluded and ratified agreement between states
appeasement - the action or process of appeasing.
Reparations- the compensation for war damage paid by a defeated state
invasion - an instance of invading a country or region with an armed force
Ally- a state formally cooperating with another for a military or other purpose.
Axis- an agreement or alliance between two or more countries
Rationing- allow each person to have only a fixed amount of
Evacuation - the action of evacuating a person or a place.
economic depression- a long and severe recession in an economy
censorship - the suppression or prohibition of any parts of books, films, news, etc. that are considered obscene, politically unacceptable, or a threat to security.
Anschluss- ("joining") refers to the annexation of Austria into Nazi Germany on 12 March 1938.
Lebensraum – Living space
Gestapo - was the official secret police of Nazi Germany and German-occupied Europe
home front- full participation of the British public in WW2
Holocaust (Sho'ah)- The murdering of Jewish people during WW2
Genocide- the deliberate killing of a large group of people, especially those of a particular nation or ethnic group.
Dictatorship- government by a dictator.
Fascism - is a form of far-right.

Timeline

1918	1933	1936	1938-1939	3rd SEP 39	1940	1941	8th May 45
Treaty of Versailles	Adolf Hitler comes to Power in Germany	Hitler leads troops into the Rhineland, violating the treaty	**Germany invade Austria, Czech and Poland**	Britain declares war on Germany	Battle of Britain	Blitz attacks	Victory Day VE day. The war ends

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Enquiry Questions

Did Plymouth benefit in any way from WW2?
What was the impact of World War II on people in our locality?
How significant was the impact of World War II on women?
How significant was the Blitz?