

Ellie's Wartime Home Front Fact-File

Learning objective: To identify and explain key aspects of life in Britain during the Second World War, including rationing, evacuation, and the role of the Home Front.

Help Ellie the elephant research the Home Front! Use your history knowledge to fill in the boxes below. Remember to describe how these events changed life for children and families living in Britain between 1939 and 1945.

Word bank: Rationing · Evacuation · Air Raid Shelter · Home Front · Dig for Victory · Gas Mask · Identity Card · Anderson Shelter

1. The Evacuation: Explain why many children were sent away from cities to the countryside and how they might have felt leaving their families. (3 marks)

2. Rationing and Food: Why did the government introduce rationing? List two items that were hard to find in shops and explain why people were encouraged to 'Dig for Victory'. (3 marks)

3. The Home Front: What was an Anderson Shelter and why were families encouraged to have one in their back gardens? (2 marks)

4. Daily Life: Describe how life changed for a child in Class 4 during the war, mentioning one thing they had to carry with them at all times. (2 marks)

5. Reflecting on Social Studies / History: If you could interview someone who lived through the war, what is one question you would ask them about their daily routine? (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are a child in 1940. Write a short, three-sentence postcard to a family member explaining one way your life has changed since the war began.