

WW2: A Journey Through Social Studies / History with Ellie the Elephant

Social Studies / History is a story we must remember—join Ellie on a journey through the 1940s!

- The war began in 1939 after Germany invaded Poland, causing Britain and France to declare war. The countries fought in two main groups called the Allies and the Axis powers.
- To keep children safe from the bombing raids in cities, known as the Blitz, thousands were sent away to the countryside to live with host families in a process called evacuation.
- Rationing was introduced in 1940 to ensure everyone had a fair share of food. People used ration books to buy items like sugar, butter, and meat, which were in short supply.
- Women played a vital role on the Home Front, taking on jobs in factories, farms, and transport to keep the country running while many men were away fighting.
- Victory in Europe (VE Day) was celebrated on 8th May 1945, marking the end of the war in Europe after years of hardship and collective effort.

Did you know? Did you know? During the war, children were encouraged to 'Dig for Victory' by turning their gardens and parks into vegetable patches to help the country grow its own food when supplies were low!

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