

Ellie's WWII Social Studies / History Challenge

Learning objective: To recall and apply knowledge about key events and experiences during the Second World War.

Join Ellie the elephant as she explores the history of the Second World War. Read each question carefully and circle the correct answer or write your answer clearly on the lines provided.

Answer Key: 1. B (1939-1945), 2. False (It was the Axis powers), 3. Rationing, 4. A (To keep them safe from bombing), 5. True, 6. The Blitz, 7. C (King George VI), 8. False (Women took on many new jobs), 9. Anderson shelter, 10. True.

Word bank: Evacuation · Rationing · Blitz · Allies · Axis · Home Front

1. 1. Which years did the Second World War take place? A) 1914–1918 B) 1939–1945* C) 1940–1950 D) 1925–1935 (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: The main groups fighting were the Allies and the 'Neutral Powers'. (1 mark)

3. 3. What is the name of the system used to limit how much food and clothing people could buy to ensure there was enough for everyone? (1 mark)

4. 4. Why were many children sent away from cities to the countryside? A) To keep them safe from bombing* B) To help with the harvest C) To learn how to farm D) To go on a holiday (1 mark)

5. 5. True or False: People were encouraged to 'Dig for Victory' by growing their own vegetables. (1 mark)

6. 6. What was the name given to the period of heavy and frequent bombing raids on British cities? (1 mark)

7. 7. Who was the British monarch during the Second World War? A) Queen Victoria B) Queen Elizabeth II C) King George VI* D) King Edward VII (1 mark)

8. 8. True or False: During the war, women stayed at home and were not allowed to work in factories. (1 mark)

9. 9. What was the name of the corrugated steel shelter that many families kept in their gardens for protection during air raids? (1 mark)

10. 10. True or False: Ration books were essential items that families had to take to the shop to buy controlled goods. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a picture of an 'Anderson shelter' in a garden, or a poster encouraging people to 'Dig for Victory' by growing vegetables.



Extension challenge: Imagine you are a child living in 1940. Write a short diary entry (50-80 words) describing how your life has changed because of rationing. Mention two items that are difficult to find in the shops.