

Social Studies / History: Life on the Home Front during WWII

Learning objective: To understand the impact of the Second World War on the lives of people in Britain, including evacuation, rationing, and the role of the Home Guard.

Read each question carefully and use your knowledge of the Second World War to provide detailed answers. Ellie the elephant is here to help you remember the important historical facts!

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Word bank: Evacuation · Rationing · Home Guard · Air Raid Shelters · Dig for Victory · Blitz · Identity Cards

1. Explain why the government introduced 'rationing' in 1940. What were two items that people had to be careful not to waste? (2 marks)

2. What was the main purpose of the 'Evacuation' scheme, and how might a child have felt leaving their home to go to the countryside? (2 marks)

3. Describe the purpose of the 'Dig for Victory' campaign. Why was it important for families to grow their own food during the war? (2 marks)

4. What were the 'Anderson' or 'Morrison' shelters, and why were they vital for people living in cities during the Blitz? (2 marks)

5. The Home Guard was often known as 'Dad's Army'. Identify two roles they performed to help protect Britain from potential invasion. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a poster inspired by the 'Dig for Victory' campaign. Include a slogan and illustrations of vegetables that a family might have grown in their back garden.



Extension challenge: Research how the role of women changed in the UK during the war. Write a short paragraph explaining why more women began working in factories and on farms.