

Ellie's Second World War Timeline Challenge

Learning objective: To understand the chronological order of key events during the Second World War and their impact on British life.

Ellie the elephant has been looking through her history archives. She has found seven key events from the Second World War, but they have become muddled up! Sort the events into the correct chronological order by numbering them from 1 to 7. Once you have ordered them, use the word bank to fill in the missing details in the questions below.

Word bank: Evacuation · Rationing · Blitz · Battle of Britain · VE Day · 1939 · Allies

1. Put these events in order: The Blitz, VE Day, Start of the war, Battle of Britain, Evacuation of children, The government introduces rationing, The Allies accept Germany's surrender. (Write the list in order 1-7). (7 marks)

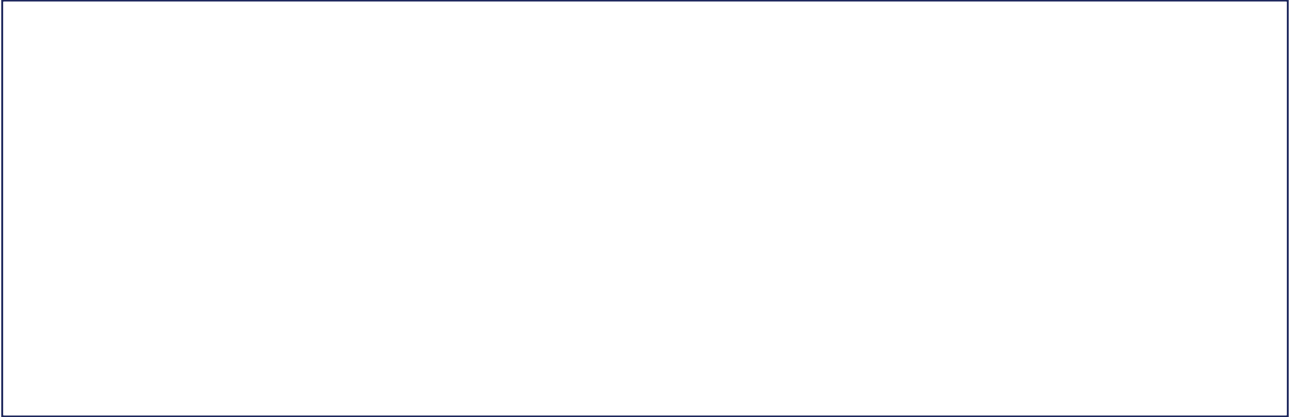
2. Why was 'Evacuation' considered a necessary safety measure for children living in cities during the war? (2 marks)

3. In what year did the Second World War officially begin? (1 mark)

4. Explain one way that 'Rationing' changed what families ate during the war years. (2 marks)

5. What does the term 'VE Day' stand for, and why was it a significant celebration for the British people? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a poster that might have been displayed in a British school during the 1940s, encouraging people to 'Dig for Victory' or save food to help the war effort.



Extension challenge: Research the 'Home Front'. Write a short diary entry from the perspective of a child living through the Blitz. Describe how it felt to hear the air raid sirens and spend the night in a shelter.