

## Knowledge Organizer: World War 2 (WW2) - Evacuees

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| Nov 1938 to Sept 1939 | Kindertransport:<br>The name given to the mission which took thousands of children from mainland Europe to safety ahead of World War II.            |
| Feb 1939              | Anderson shelters are delivered.  |
| 1 Sept 1939           | German troops are marched into Poland.  |
| 1 Sept 1939           | Operation Pied Piper<br>The start of the first mass evacuation of children in Britain from the cities to the countryside.                           |
| 3 Sept 1939           | At 11am Britain goes to war with Germany.   |
| 29 Sept 1939          | Identity cards are issued.  |
| Sept 1939 to Apr 1940 | The Phoney War:<br>The first six months of the war became known as the 'Phoney War' because there was almost no fighting and no bombs were dropped. |
| Jan 1940              | Food rationing begins.  |
| 7 Sept 1940           | Start of the air raids in London (the Blitz).   |
| 12 Jun 1944           | German "doodlebugs" (V1 bombs) launched at Britain: the second period of evacuation for children begins.  |
| 8 May 1945            | VE Day (Victory in Europe).   |



**Key people:** teachers, local authority officials, railway staff, and 17,000 members of the Women's Voluntary Service (WVS).

**Famous People:**

Neville Chamberlain - Prime Minister of Britain at the outbreak of WW2.

Winston Churchill - Prime Minister of Britain for the majority of WW2.

Adolf Hitler - Leader of the Nazi Party.

**Websites to share:**

<https://www.iwm.org.uk/history/the-evacuated-children-of-the-second-world-war>

<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/war/evacuation1.html>

| Key Vocabulary    |   |
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| Air raid          | An attack by enemy planes dropping bombs.                                     |
| Anderson shelters | A small shelter made from corrugated steel to protect people from bombs.      |
| Billeting officer | An official who helped to find homes for evacuees.                            |
| Blackout          | War time ban on street lights and other lights at night.                      |
| Blitz             | German air raids from the German word "blitzkrieg" which means lightning war. |
| Evacuee           | Someone who was moved away from a threatened area, for safety.                |
| Host family       | A family who looked after an evacuee.   |
| Rationing         | Controlling the supply of food, clothes, petrol and other products.           |

