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| **KEY FACTS :WORLD WAR II**  **SEPTEMBER 1 1939:** World War II started when Germany invaded Poland.  **SEPTEMBER 3 1939:** Great Britain and France responded by declaring war on Germany.  World War II was fought between the ***Axis Powers*** (Germany, Italy, Japan) and the ***Allied Powers*** (Britain, United States, Soviet Union, France).  **MAY-JUNE 1940:**Dunkirk evacuated and France surrenders to Germany  **JULY 10 – OCTOBER 1ST 1940: THE BATTLE OF BRITAIN** is fought in the air about the south coast of England and the English Channel- The London **Blitz** begins  **MAY 7 1945**-The war in Europe ended with Germany's surrender  **SEPTEMBER 2, 1945**.  The war in the Pacific ended when Japan surrendered  It was the deadliest war in all of human history with around 70 million people killed. | | Letters from the Lighthouse  This book explores the values of courage, friendship, compassion, understanding and the importance of community. | **KEY FACTS: THE HOLOCAUST**  The Holocaust occurred during World War II when Hitler was leader of Germany. Six million Jewish people were murdered by the Nazis. This included as many as 1 million Jewish children. Millions of other people that Hitler didn't like were killed as well. This included Polish people, Catholics, Serbs, and handicapped people. It is thought that the Nazis murdered as many as 17 million innocent people.  **Concentration Camps**   All Jewish people were eventually to be brought to concentration camps. They were told they were relocating to a new and better place, but this was not the case. Concentration camps were like prison camps. People were forced to do hard labour. The weak were quickly killed or died of starvation. Some camps even had gas chambers. People would be led into the chambers in large groups only to be killed with poison gas | |
| **KEY PEOPLE**   |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Adolf Hitler**  Image result for adolf hitler | Leader of the Nazi Party and Chancellor of Germany 1933-1945 ( also referred to as the Fuhrer meaning ‘leader’ | | **Neville Chamberlain**  Image result for neville chamberlain | UK Prime Minister 1937-1940  *"This morning the British Ambassador in Berlin handed the German Government a final Note stating that, unless we heard from them by 11 o'clock that they were prepared at once to withdraw their troops from Poland, a state of war would exist between us.*  *I have to tell you now that no such undertaking has been received, and that consequently this country is at war with Germany.* | | **Winston Churchill**  Image result for winston churchill | UK Prime Minister 1940-1945 ( and again from 1951-1955)  *We shall fight on the beaches, we shall fight on the landing grounds, we shall fight in the fields and in the streets, we shall fight in the hills; we shall never surrender.* | | **air raid shelter:** a building to protect people from bombs dropped by planes  **allies:** countries which fought on the British side (incl: USA, France, Russia -1941-1945)  **black out:** system to ensure no lights were visible after dark so that buildings could not be spotted by enemy planes  **evacuee:** someone who was moved from a danger area such as a city to a safer place, such as the country  **Luftwaffe:** German planes responsible for the Blitz  **rationing**: the controlled distribution of scarce resources such as food and clothing | | | **KINDERTRANSPORT**  The first Kindertransport from Berlin in Germany departed for the UK on December 1st 1938. It was a mission which took thousands of children to safety ahead of **WWII.**  Children travelling on the Kindertransport.    Related image |