



**How does this unit link to prior learning?**

<b>Year 7</b> Life in medieval England	<b>Year 7</b> The importance of the Church in England	<b>Year 8</b> Power, the King and the Church	<b>Year 9</b> World War One
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**What will you be learning about?**

During this topic we will be examining the reasons for the Second World War. We will assess the short, medium and long term causes of the war and explain which was the most significant. You will also examine the conditions that people faced during the war and consider the outcomes of the Second World War.

**Key Focus**

The key skill focus for this unit will be **interpretations**. It will help you to be able to answer questions asking about what modern day historians believe about key events in history and why people have different interpretations of those events.

**We will develop our learning by studying the following each week:**

**Week One**

How did the Treaty of Versailles lead to WWII?

Did appeasement lead to WWII?

**Week Two**

What was the trigger for the Second World War?

What role did Blitzkrieg play in WWII?

*Exit Ticket*

**Week Three**

How should we remember Dunkirk?

Who were *The Few*?

**Week Four**

Why did Germany invade the Soviet Union?

Why did the USA join the War?

*Exit ticket*

**Week Five**

How important was the War in the Pacific?

Was the Battle of Stalingrad a turning point in the East?

**Week Six**

What was life like in England during the War?

How should we remember Winston Churchill?

**Week Seven**

Why did America decide to drop the bomb on Japan?

How did WWII end?

*Exit ticket*

**Key Vocabulary**

Appeasement	Blitz	Blitzkrieg	Luftwaffe	Antibiotic	Penicillin
Scapegoat	Holocaust	Collaboration	Persecution	Ghetto	Anti-Semitism

**How will this unit help you in the future?**

**Year 10**

Medicine through time – during this unit in your GCSE you will be required to assess the main reason for medical development from one era to the next

**Year 11**

Weimar and Nazi Germany, this unit will help you with your study of the problems facing Germany after the War and the reasons why Hitler was able to come to power in 1933