



St Sebastian's Primary School Knowledge Organiser

Autumn 2

History

Year 6

Vocabulary		
aerial		happening in the air
allies		Countries which fought on the British side (including; Great Britain, France, USA USSR).
axis		The name for the union of Germany, Italy, Japan, and other countries during WW2.
conquer		to get or overcome by force
dogfight		an air battle between fighter planes
Luftwaffe		The German Air Force (responsible for the Blitz).
occupation		the act or process of taking over an area
omission		something left out or removed
radar		the use of radio waves to track the location, distance, and speed of faraway objects
RAF		Royal Air Force (British)
strategy		the planning of large military movements and actions

Key Figures			
Adolf Hitler		Germany	1933—1945
Neville Chamberlain		Great Britain	1937—1940
Winston Churchill		Great Britain	1940—1945 1951—1955
Franklin D. Roosevelt		USA	1933—1945



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Battle of Britain Timeline

10th July, 1940 – The Germans begin dive bombing cargo ships in the Channel. The battle begins.

16th July – Hitler declared 'Operation Sea Lion.' He wanted the RAF to be so destroyed that they couldn't stop invading troops.

13th August – Bombing of Royal Air Force bases begins.

18th August – Called 'The Hardest Day.' The Royal Air Force suffered lots of losses.

19th August – The Germans launched an intensive period of bombing of British towns and cities.

15th September – Known as 'Battle of Britain' day. Luftwaffe lost many planes attempting to attack London.

31st October – The Germans suffered heavy losses and ended their attempts –



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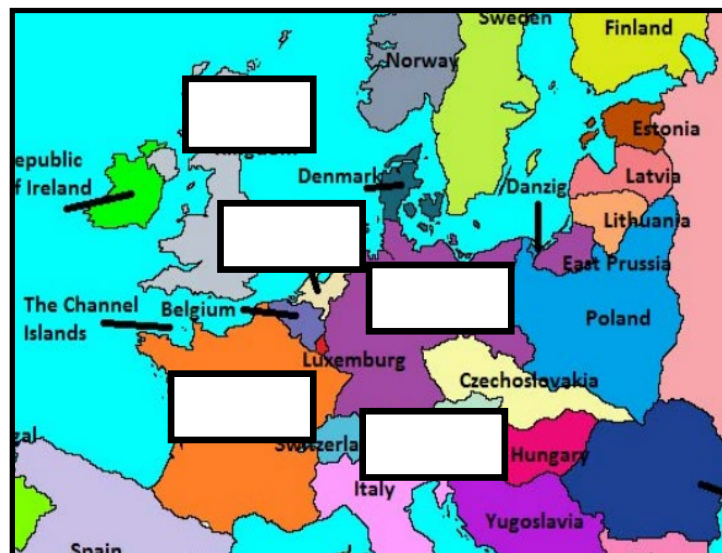
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