World War II

WWII Vocabulary Matching



Anschluss

Referring to the annexation of Austria by Germany

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Normandy

Beaches where Allied troops landed on D-Day

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dictator

Ruler of a country
where no
opposition is
permitted

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Hiroshima

First Japanese City where an atomic bomb was dropped

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Winston Churchill

UK Prime Minister for most of WWII



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VE Day

Day marking the end of WWII in Europe

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The Blitz

The bombing of London for 57 consecutive nights

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Adolf Hitler

Leader of the Nazi party in Germany

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Franklin D Roosevelt

US President for most of WWII

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RAF

Royal Air Force of Great Britain

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Auschwitz

Largest
Concentration
Camp in WWII

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Pearl Harbour

Base of the US naval fleet in Hawaii bombed by Japan

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Josef Stalin

Leader of USSR during WWII

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Battle of Britain

Battle that took place in the skies between RAF and the Luftwaffe

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Luftwaffe

German air force during WWII

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Holocaust

Referring to the extermination of Jews during WWII

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Harry Truman

US President who ordered the dropping of the atomic bombs

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Emperor Hirohito

Japanese leader during WWII

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Benito Mussolini

Known as "II Duce", Italian dictator during WWII

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Nagasaki

The second Japanese city on which the US dropped an atomic bomb

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Allies

Countries including
UK and US who
came together to
fight Germany

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D-Day

June 6th 1944 when Allied troops landed on Normandy

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Axis Powers

Countries including Germany, Italy and Japan

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Dunkirk

The evacuation of British and French troops stranded on the beaches in 1940

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Nazi

Political party of which Adolf Hitler was leader



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Blitzkreig

German word meaning "Lightning War"

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Anti-Semitic

Prejudiced against Jewish people, like Hitler was

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Rations

Limits placed on certain goods and foods during WWII

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U-boat

German submarine during WWII

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Air Raid Shelter

Where people stayed to keep safe from bombings

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Concentration Camp

A type of prison where Germans kept Jews and others who opposed the Nazis

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Neutral

Countries like Ireland
who did not want to
take sides during
WWII

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Swastica

Crooked cross, symbol of the Nazi party during WWII

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The Emergency

Refers to the period during WWII in Ireland

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Atomic Bombs

Very powerful explosives created using nuclear energy

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Evacuees

Children who were moved from cities to the countryside for safety during WWII

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1939 -1945

Period of World War II

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Poland

Country invaded by Germany on September 1st 1939 which started WWII

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Appeasement

UK policy before WWII allowing Hitler to expand German territory

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Gas Chambers

Sealed rooms in concentration camps where Jews were killed by gas

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