



## Key Vocabulary

**Blitz** – The Nazis attacked the UK constantly with bombs between 1940 and 1941. The German word for *lightning*

**Conflict** – a serious disagreement about something important

**Fatality** – death caused by accident or violence

**Invasion** – when a foreign army enters a country by force

**Treaty** – a written agreement between countries

**Tyrant** – someone who treats the people they have authority over in a cruel way

**Allies/Axis** – Countries on our side/the enemy's side

**Rationing** – a system used in WW2 to limit the amount of food you were allowed to buy

**Evacuate** – children were sent to a place of safety in the countryside

**Holocaust** – the killing of millions of Jews by the Nazis

**RADAR (Radio Detection and Ranging)**  
– the method of detecting objects from a distance

**Propaganda** – biased information supporting one side of the conflict

## Key Knowledge

The Battle of Britain began on July 10th, 1940, and the Blitz from September 1940.

It is known as the first major battle to have taken place using only air forces.

Winston Churchill, the British Prime Minister at the time, was the one who gave the battle the name “The Battle of Britain”.

The Battle of Britain happened when the Germans bombed Great Britain to try and obliterate Great Britain's Royal Air Force (RAF).

The German air force was called the **Luftwaffe**.

Germany thought that once they had destroyed the RAF, they would be able to invade Great Britain by land.

The name for Hitler's plan to destroy the RAF and invade Great Britain by land was called “Operation Sea Lion”.

Germany thought that it would be easier to invade Great Britain without the threat of the RAF shooting at and sinking their ships.

Immediately after the Dunkirk evacuation, between May and June 1940, Germany began its blitzkrieg invasion of France, which left Britain alone.

Children were evacuated from the cities in order to avoid the bombs during the Blitz.

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The RAF used the Hawker Hurricane and the Spitfire, which were the most advanced aircraft of the time, along with the Luftwaffe's Messerschmitt BF-109.