



Year 6 – How did the Second World War change Worthing?

Previous Vocabulary
compare
contrast
Select
opinion



What I should already know

- After Germany lost World War I, its economy suffered.
- The German people felt humiliated and, in 1934, the people voted for Hitler, the leader of the Nazi party because he promised to make Germany great again
- In order to do this, Hitler invaded Austria and Czechoslovakia.
- Britain said that if Germany invaded Poland, they would go to war with Germany.
- On 1st September, 1939, Germany invaded Poland. As a result, Britain declared war on Germany on 3rd September.

What I will know by the end of the unit

- In September 1939 12,000 mothers, babies, children and teachers were evacuated from London and other cities to Worthing
- In May 1940 Sussex fishermen and boat owners helped the evacuation of the British army from Dunkirk
- Over 850 vessels took part saving 200,000 British troops
- The threat of invasion was a constant concern
- The Home Guard (Dad's Army) was set up
- Air defences were installed along the coast and a network of pill boxes
- In September 1940 the units of the 2nd Canadian Infantry division arrived to defend the coast from Chichester to Eastbourne
- Worthing welcomed these visitors with open-arms and their presence had a big impact on the local area
- 19th August 1942 – Raid on Dieppe – 3,350 failed to return
- 5/6th June 1944 – D-Day landings – the armada of men and machines flew directly over Worthing
- the contribution of Canadians of colour to the war effort

17th December 1944 – The Lancaster Hero

- A Lancaster bomber laden with 90,000 lbs of explosives was flying en -route to a bombing raid in Germany
- It crashed on the beach opposite Heene terrace
- If it had hit the town, hundreds of people would have been killed
- Directly in its path was the plaza cinema which would have been packed
- It is believed that the pilot F/O Edward Essenhigh had done all he could to avoid hitting the town
- He tried to land the stricken aircraft on the beach



Historical Enquiry

Chronology

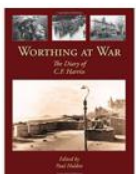
Place key events from the war on a 'local timeline
Causes, change and Consequence
Describe and explain the causes and consequences of 2nd Canadian Infantry division's defence of the Sussex and how their presence in the local area changed it

Historical Enquiry

Use source material to consider the accuracy of accounts of local life in the war
Interpretation
Bring knowledge from different sources to write a fluent account of life in Worthing in WW2

Vocabulary

allies	The group of nations which fought against the axis countries
axis	Countries which fought against the allies in WW2
air raid	An attack by military aircraft in which bombs are dropped
blitz	the heavy bombing of British cities by German aircraft in 1940-41
defend	Take action in order to protect something
D-Day	The invasion of France by British and Allied Forces on 6 th June 1944
Home Guard	Local defence force units were set up to defend against a German invasion Consisted of local volunteers –retired servicemen or local people
evacuate	To send someone to a place of safety
invasion	To try to take a place by force
infantry	soldiers fighting on foot
Luftwaffe	The German airforce
military	Relating to or belonging in the army
Nazi	A member of a far-right political group in Germany
rationing	The system of limiting the amount of food, petrol, sugar and other key items
prejudice	Judging someone negatively because of built-in bias
discrimination	Actively treating certain groups unequally based on prejudice



Key text and source material:
Wartime Diary 'Hotchpot' by CF Harriss
It records the daily life of people in Worthing

Canadians of Colour:

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/18430387/edwin-erwin-phillips>
https://www.google.com/search?q=canadians+in+ww2+of+colour+&rlz=1C1GCEU_enGB951GB957&ei=UlvdYlf5I6CD9u8Ptf