End of World War 1

Germany forced to give up land and banned from having an army.

1918

Adolf Hitler Comes to Power

The German people vote the leader of ‘The Nazi’ party, their new leader.

1933

26th September

Gas Masks issued to the people of Britain.

1938

29th September

Munich Agreement signed by Neville Chamberlain and Hitler. There is hope for peace.

1938
March

Germany invades Czechoslovakia 1939

3rd September

World War Two Begins

1st September 1939

Evacuation

1st September 1939

Britain and France declare war on Germany.

Plans made to evacuate children ready for German air attacks.
7th September 1939
National Registration Act
All households provide information for Identity and Ration Cards.

Anderson Shelters
By September, half a million shelters had been installed in British gardens.

October 1939
Dig for Victory Campaign launched.

7th January 1939
Rationing Begins

1940
10th May 1940
Winston Churchill
Replaces Neville Chamberlain as British Prime Minister.

7th September 1940
The Blitz
Nearly 2000 Brits killed or injured in London on the first night alone.

21st September 1940
Underground stations used as public air raid shelters.

November 1940
Coventry
10 hours
500 enemy aircraft
1000 casualties
4330 homes destroyed
10th June
Italy
Join forces with Germany and enter the war.

10th July
Battle of Britain
The Luftwaffe (German air force) attempt to destroy the British RAF (Royal Air Force).

March
Morrison Shelters
Introduced for people without gardens.

10th May
House of Commons
German air raid destroys the House of Commons and the Holborn theatre.
18th December 1941
National Service Act
Women called up for war work, jobs such as mechanics, engineers and tank drivers.

28th September 1941
Historic Cities
The Luftwaffe begins bombing Exeter, Bath amongst others.

28th September 1941
‘V’ for Victory
BBC launches campaign.

1st June 1941
Clothes Rationed
British Government introduces clothing and furniture.
28th September
Italy Surrenders

10th October
Italians swap sides
Italy declares war on Germany.

6th June
D-Day
Allied troops land in Northern France for the Battle of Normandy.

11th September
US troops enter Germany
16th December 1944
**Battle of the Bulge**
Germany launches a final offensive on the west, officially called The Ardennes Offensive.

30th April 1945
**Hitler commits suicide**

7th May 1945
**Germany Surrenders**
German General Alfred Jodl signs an unconditional surrender of all German forces.

8th May 1945
**VE Day** (Victory in Europe)
2nd September 1945
End of World War 2
Japan surrenders sparking the official end of the war across the world.

4th July 1954
Rationing ends
People tear up ration books to celebrate.