

Topic: Why Race for Space?

Year 6—Basking Sharks

Strand: World History

What should I already know?

- Some key vocabulary relating to WW2.
- The location of Britain, the USA, Russia and some European countries, including Germany and France.
- Some sources are more reliable than others.
- How humans have travelled into Space.

Historical Enquiry and Skills

- Place events on a timeline using dates.
- Ask and answer enquiry questions to find out more about how WW2 affected life in Britain.
- Examine the usefulness and limitations of a variety of sources, using them to carry out independent research.
- Consider the long-term effects of WW2 in Britain and beyond.
- Examine the relationship between WW2, the Cold War and the Space Race.
- Examine how space travel was advanced by the Space Race.

Did WW2 affect the Space Race?

During WW2, the **Allied** forces included Britain, France, Russia, Poland and China and **Axis** forces included Germany, Italy and Japan.

The role of **women** changed dramatically during WW1 and they began to undertake 'men's jobs' in munitions factories etc.

The **Blitz** was an aerial bombing campaign against Britain between 1940-1941 which killed around 43,000 civilians. **Evacuation** took place before and during WW2 to get children to safety.

**Key figures** of the Allied forces include: Neville Chamberlain and Winston Churchill (Britain), Joseph Stalin (Soviet Union), Charles de Gaulle (France), and Franklin D. Roosevelt (USA). Adolf Hitler (Germany), Benito Mussolini (Italy), and Hideki Tojo (Japan) were key figures of the Axis forces.

After WW2, **conflict remained** and long-term effects included poverty for many people, collapsed economies and the Cold War. Life did not just return

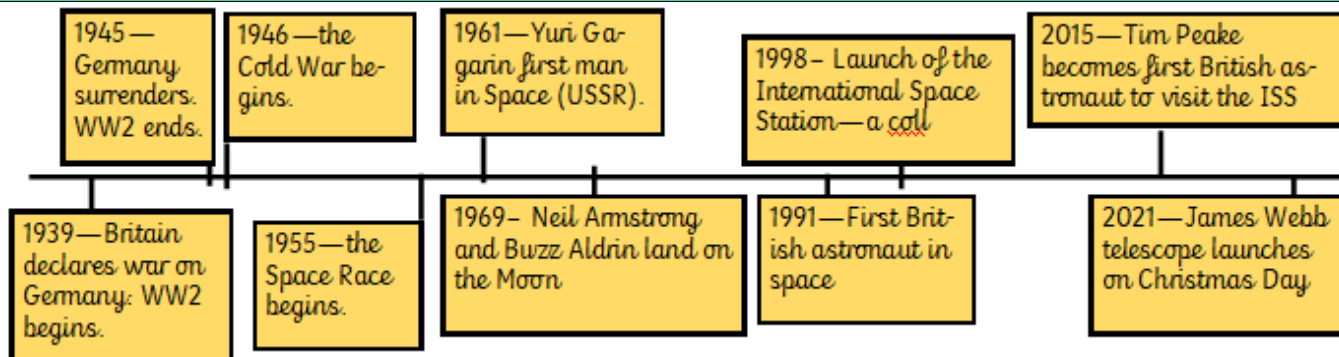
The **Cold War** was a period of tension between the United States and USSR and their allies. They never actually attacked one another but fought their 'battle' politically and through the Arms and Space Races.

The **'Space Race'** was a competition between the 2 Cold war rivals—the which lasted 2 decades, 1955-1975.

Vocabulary

Allies	The Allies were the armed forces that fought against Germany and Japan in the Second World War. They included the United Kingdom, the USA, Poland and France.
Axis	The Axis were the armed forces that fought against the Allied forces. The major Axis powers were Germany, Italy and Japan.
Evacuee	A person removed from a place of danger.
Blitz	Aerial bombing campaign against Britain between 1940-1941, it means 'lightning' in German.
Rationing	The controlled distribution of scarce resources, goods, services such as food and clothing.
Civilians	A person not in the armed forces.
Nazi party	A far-right political party led by Adolf Hitler in WW2 (National Socialist).
Conscription	compulsory enlistment for state service, typically into the armed forces.
USSR	A collection of 15 republics, dominated by Russia, disbanded in 1991.
Reparations	Payments, a bit like a fine, paid to other countries after a wrongdoing.
Space Race	Competition between the USSR and USA to be the first to reach Space and achieve the best technology.
ISS	International Space Station— a habitable space station in low orbit around the

Timeline



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Question 1: Give an example of a country in each alliance.	Start of unit	End of unit
Allies		
Axis		
Neutral		

Question 2: Mark a T for True or an F for False.	Start of unit	End of unit
All Germans were members of the Nazis.		
The children of Britain all stayed in the country for the length of		

Question 3: Tick the reasons why Britain declared war on Germany.	Start of unit:	End of unit:
Britain had made an agreement to enter the war if Germany invaded France.		
Britain had an alliance with Poland, who Germany invaded.		
Germany had better tanks and weapons and Britain thought that declaring war would frighten them off.		

Question 4: Place these in order in which they happened. The first one is done for you.	Start of unit:	End of unit:
Yuri Gagarin was the first man in Space.		
The V2 rocket was invented.	1	
Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin were the first men on the Moon.		
Tim Peake boarded the International Space Station.		
The Challenger rocket exploded.		
The 'Space Race' began.		
The first space tourist funded his own trip to space.		

Question 5: The Cold War was.....	Start of unit	End of unit
Tick all that apply.		
A battle of WW2 fought in snowy mountains.		
A period of time when USA and Russia bombed each other.		
The cause of a race to improve technology.		
A period of tension between the United States and USSR.		

Question 6: Mark a T for true or an F for false.	Start of unit	End of unit
The Blitz destroyed many British towns and cities including Falmouth.		
British children were the only children evacuated from their homes.		
Most women didn't work during WW2.		

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Question 7: What were the lasting impacts of WW2 on UK, USA, Germany, USSR and other states?

Start of unit:

End of unit:

Question 8: Explain the advances in Space exploration which were made by the USA and USSR during the Space Race.

Start of unit:

End of unit:

Question 9: Did WW2 affect the Space Race?

Start of unit:

End of unit: