TOPIC OVERVIEW DOCUMENT

YEAR 8 - History - World War II

TOPIC OVERVIEW:

- You will learn about the very end of WWI and take the students on a journey all the way through to the surrender of Japan at the end of WWII in September 1945. This will give you the opportunity to study the long and short term causes of the war, including the failure of the Weimar Republic and the controversial conditions of the Treaty of Versailles. You will then study how Adolf Hitler uses these failures to grow in popularity, create a dictatorship and create a Second World War. From here, you will then focus on some of the key events of the war, including the German and Soviet invasion of Poland, Dunkirk, The Battle of Britain, Stalingrad, D-Day and the dropping of the atom bomb on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. We finish the course with a close analysis of the British Home Front and empathise with those involved.

- Your previous studies in Year 8 – Marketing History (specifically, armistice and the end of WWI) will give you the foundation knowledge to help you understand why WWII broke out in 1939. It will help you make connections in international relations and how one event can have a significant effect on another.

- This study will also come in useful when you study the Holocaust in Year 9, specifically, contextual understanding related to WWII and Superpower Relations and the Cold War in Year 10. (How the end of WWII creates the rivalries of the Cold War and how they manifest into conflict)

Key Vocabulary (T2)	Key Vocabulary (T3)	Core knowledge	Disciplinary Skills
Aggression, Rationing, Evacuation	Dictatorship, Fascism, Blitzkrieg	Dictatorship, appeasement, Blitzkrieg, global conflict, the Home Front, evacuation, rationing, key turning points such as D-Day, resistance movements, and eventual Allied victory, showing how the war reshaped nations, civilians, and international order.	Significance Cause and Effect.

Checkpoint: Vocab/ Knowledge/ Disciplinary skill(s)	What does this assessment look like?	Which disciplinary skills do I need to be successful?
Checkpoint 1: How secure was Hitler's dictatorship?	A piece of writing summarising how secure Hitler's dictatorship was, referring specifically to the Police State and Controlling	Significance Evidence

	Attitudes.	
Checkpoint 2: 20 question quiz on content studied	A 20 question quiz on Quizziz/Weyground containing the causes of WWII, Dictatorship, the events of the war and the Home Front.	Recall and Retrieval Significance

Milestone assessment: What does your assessment look like?		
To what extent was the Normandy beach landings the most significant event of WWII?	A written analysis of each of the events, then a judgement explaining which event was the most significant.	Significance Cause and Effect.

How can I achieve in this topic?

- Complete all tasks in class
- Complete on missed learning
- Complete tasks in homework booklet
- Use revision support material to prepare you for assessments
- Use excellence models, scaffolds and success criteria

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