



Did WW2 change Britain for the better?

Key Knowledge and Concepts

The Second World War

The first world war happened in 1914-1918. Germany lost the first world war and the Treaty of Versailles was agreed. The British Prime Minister was keen to avoid another war so he often gave in to Hitler's

territorial demands. In 1938 Britain started to prepare for war by building warships and educating people about rationing and gas masks.

The second world war began in 1939. The war began because Hitler spread hatred and killed many people. It was more dangerous in the cities so children were evacuated to the countryside where it was safer.



After the war

Britain was in a lot of debt after the war. A third of houses had been destroyed, many people had died and there was still rationing. However, most adults were employed.

After the war there were many key changes which benefitted England.

Education was free up to the age of 25

Benefits were introduced to support those in need.

Word	Definition
Treaty	An agreement between countries.
Blitz	A sudden military attack.
Welfare state	Government support
Employed	Having a paid job.
Rationing	Each person to have a fixed amount of something.
Evacuated	Remove from a place of danger.
Negotiation	A discussion to reach an agreement.
Evacuee	A person who has been evacuated.
Gas mask	A mask which covers a person's face to protect them from poisonous gases.
justify	Prove something to be right.
Consequence	A result or effect of an action

