

KS1 History Quiz - War (Questions)

This quiz addresses the requirements of the National Curriculum KS1 History for children aged 5, 6 and 7 in years 1 and 2. Specifically this quiz is aimed at the section dealing with studying events beyond living memory that are significant nationally or globally.

Studying major events from our history is an important part of KS1 learning in this area. World Wars I and II are two of the most globally significant events in all of history. When studying them, young children may find it difficult to imagine a time when our country was at war and in danger from enemy attacks such as air raids.

1. The First World War began on the 28th of July 1914 and ended on the 11th of November 1918. It was also known as...

- The Big War
- The Great War
- The Large War
- The Huge War

2. What happened at 11:00am on the 11th of November, 1918?

- A new war started
- All the clocks went back an hour
- Everyone in the world stood for a minute's silence
- An agreement was signed which ended WW1

3. What flower do some people wear around that time?

- A rose
- A lily
- A daffodil
- A poppy

4. How long did World War II last?

- 10 years
- 6 years
- 6 months
- 6 weeks

5. What started World War II?

- The Italian army invaded Spain
- The French army invaded England
- The German army invaded Poland
- The British army invaded Germany

6. Which famous Prime Minister led Great Britain through most of the conflict?

- Winston Churchill
- David Cameron
- John Major
- Tony Blair

7. During the war, local men who weren't called up to fight formed a band of volunteers to defend the country. What were they called?

- The Home Guard
- The National Protectors
- The Local Defenders
- The Country Shield

8. What was The Luftwaffe?

- A special kind of gun
- A listening device to spy on the enemy
- A poster about the war
- The German air force

9. What were 'Land Girls'?

- Young girls who dug holes for the enemy to fall into
- Women who were in charge of deciding who owned the land
- Women who helped aircraft to land safely during the war
- Women who took over farming the land when the men left to fight

10. What did people carry to protect themselves in case of an attack?

- Gas masks
- Identification papers
- Lucky charms
- A plastic shield

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World War I involved two main sides: the Allied Powers and the Central Powers

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We still remember the soldiers who died on this day, which is known as Remembrance Day

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Poppies became a symbol of World War I because they have grown around some of the places where battles were fought

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The War became a global conflict after the German military, led by Adolf Hitler, invaded Poland in 1939 because he wanted to take some of their land for Germany

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Churchill was noted for his rousing speeches and smoking lots of cigars

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The Home Guard were the last line of defence if the country was ever invaded

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The Luftwaffe used bombers and fighters. They used the bombers to attack towns and cities, and the fighters to stop the RAF fighters from destroying German bombers

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The women were from all over Britain and worked on farms, helping to grow and produce food for the rest of the country

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A gas mask would allow the wearer to breathe clean air no matter how dirty or poisonous the air around them was after a bombing