

What Was Nottingham Like in World War 2?

Timeline

1939	The German army invade Poland. World War II begins. France and Great Britain declare war on Germany under the name, The Allies.
1940	Germany, Italy, and Japan sign the Tripartite Pact creating the Axis Alliance and they attack Russia with a huge force of over four million troops.
1941	The Japanese attack the US Navy in Pearl Harbour. The next day, the United States of America enter World War II on the side of the Allies.
1943	Italy surrenders to the Allies.
1944	The Germans launch a large attack in the Battle of the Bulge. They lose to the Allies, sealing the fate of the German army.
1945	Adolf Hitler commits suicide as he knows Germany has lost the war. Another atomic bomb is dropped on Nagasaki, Japan. Japan surrenders to United States General, Douglass MacArthur and the Allies. The Allies have won the war.

General Knowledge

Prime Minister	Leader of the government of Britain.
Telegram	A short message sent by phone, then printed out and delivered.
Washboard	Wooden board with ridges, for scrubbing dirty clothes on.

Famous People

Adolf Hitler (1929-1945)	Leader of Nazi Germany.
Winston Churchill (1874-1965)	a British politician, army officer, and writer. He was Prime Minister of the United Kingdom from 1940 to 1945, when he led Britain to victory in the Second World War, and again from 1951 to 1955
Anne Frank (1929-1945)	A German Jewish girl who spent two years hiding from the Nazis in a house in Holland. Her wartime diary was published after the war.

Vocabulary

Allies	Countries (including Britain, France, the Soviet Union and the USA) who joined forces to fight the Axis Powers.
Atomic Bomb	Weapon first used in 1945 when two bombs were dropped on Japan, killing more than 100,000 people.
Axis Alliance	Germany, Japan, Italy and other countries that were allies in World War 2.
Evacuee	Someone who was evacuated, moved from a danger area to a safer place.
Gas Mask	Face mask to protect people against poison gas.
Invaded	Attacked and taken over by an enemy.
Nazi	Short for National Socialist Party (in Germany), a follower of Hitler was also called a Nazi.
Rationing	Controlling the supply of food, clothes, petrol and other things.