



The Outbreak of World War II

I can explain when and why World War II started.



Use the following information to help you complete the sentences to explain when and why World War II began.

- September 1939 - September 1945
- Adolf Hitler - Leader of Germany
- German soldiers invaded Poland (1st September)
- Britain and France declared war on Germany (3rd September)

World War II started in _____ and ended in _____.

Adolf Hitler was _____.

He wanted to _____.

On 1st September, 1939 _____.

Britain and France _____.

World War II began on _____.



Early World War II Events Timeline

I can order events from World War II onto a timeline.



Cut out the cards to create a timeline of World War II events. Can you add any other events?

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World War II Colouring Map



1. Find and label the following countries: Great Britain, Germany, Japan, France, Italy, Poland.

2. Complete the map key.

Key

Allied Powers =

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Axis Powers =

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