

# Y9 Essential Knowledge Topic 1 –

## World War Two

1) Treaty of Versailles	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. What was the treaty of Versailles?</li><li>2. What were the main terms of the treaty?</li><li>3. How did the Germans react to the treaty of Versailles?</li><li>4. Why did it make World War Two more likely?</li></ol>
2) Did Appeasement lead to WW2?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. What was appeasement?</li><li>2. What was the Munich agreement?</li><li>3. How did Hitler take advantage of Britain and France?</li><li>4. How did this lead to war?</li></ol>
3) How did Hitler Rise to Power?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. What Was Hitler's early life like?</li><li>2. What ideas did Hitler have about Germany?</li><li>3. How did Hitler become popular?</li><li>4. Why was the Weimar unpopular?</li><li>5. Why did people vote for Hitler?</li></ol>
4) Blitzkrieg Warfare and evacuation of Dunkirk	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. What was Blitzkrieg warfare?</li><li>2. Why was Blitzkrieg warfare so successful?</li><li>3. What happened at Dunkirk?</li><li>4. Was Dunkirk a success or a failure?</li></ol>
5) Why did Britain win the Battle of Britain?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. What was the Battle of Britain?</li><li>2. Why did Hitler need to carry out Operation Sea Lion?</li><li>3. How did Britain win the battle of Britain?</li><li>4. Why was it a turning point for the war?</li></ol>
6) How did the Blitz affect the people of Britain?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. What was the Blitz?</li><li>2. Which areas were bombed the most and why?</li><li>3. What precautions did Britain take?</li><li>4. What types of shelter were there?</li><li>5. Why may Leicester have been bombed?</li><li>6. How were the people of Leicester affected?</li></ol>
7) What was evacuation and rationing like during the war?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. What was evacuation?</li><li>2. Why was evacuation needed?</li><li>3. What were peoples experiences of evacuation like?</li><li>4. What was rationing?</li><li>5. Why was rationing needed?</li><li>6. How did rationing affect people's lives?</li></ol>
8) How did the government keep up morale during the war?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. What is morale?</li><li>2. How was morale Kept up during the war?</li><li>3. Why were Churchill's speeches important?</li><li>4. How was propaganda used?</li><li>5. Why was morale important?</li></ol>
9) What role did Women play during World war Two?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. What is conscription?</li><li>2. What was the role of women in factories?</li><li>3. What was the Women's Land Army?</li><li>4. What was the Women's Royal Navy Service?</li><li>5. What sort of work did women do in the WAAF?</li><li>6. What work did women do in the ATS?</li></ol>
10) Was Operation Barbarossa the turning point in the Second World War?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. What was the Nazi-Soviet Pact?</li><li>2. What is Lebensraum?</li><li>3. What was Operation Barbarossa?</li><li>4. Why did Hitler decide to open up the Eastern Front?</li><li>5. What was the siege of Leningrad?</li><li>6. What was the Battle of Stalingrad?</li><li>7. How important was the battle for the end of the war?</li></ol>
11) End of the War in Europe	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Why did America join the war?</li><li>2. What is D-Day? What happened?</li><li>3. Why was D-Day Significant?</li><li>4. What happened at the fall of Berlin?</li><li>5. Why did the fall of Berlin lead to the end of the war in Europe?</li></ol>

# Y9 Essential Knowledge Topic 2 –

## Holocaust

1. Pre War Jewish Life	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. What was life like for Jews in Germany?</li><li>2. How long had Jews been in Europe for?</li><li>3. What were Jewish communities like in Europe?</li></ol>
2. Anti-Semitism	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. What were the causes of anti-Semitism?</li><li>2. Can you explain some examples of historic anti-Semitism?</li><li>3. What is the difference between historic anti-Semitism and Nazi anti-Semitism?</li><li>4. What were Hitler's anti-Semitic views?</li></ol>
3. Persecution of Jews	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. What does persecution mean?</li><li>2. Why did people support Hitler's anti-Semitic ideas?</li><li>3. What were the Nuremberg Laws?</li><li>4. What was Kristallnacht?</li><li>5. What was the final solution?</li><li>6. How did the persecution get worse over time?</li></ol>
4. Kristallnacht	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. What was Kristallnacht?</li><li>2. What was the cause of Kristallnacht?</li><li>3. What were the consequences of Kristallnacht?</li><li>4. Who is responsible for Kristallnacht?</li><li>5. What was people's response to Kristallnacht?</li></ol>
5. Ghettos	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. What is a ghetto?</li><li>2. What were the ghettos used for?</li><li>3. What were the conditions like in the ghettos?</li><li>4. What happened at the Warsaw Ghetto?</li></ol>
6. The Final Solution	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. What was the final solution?</li><li>2. Where did the final solution take place?</li><li>3. How was the final solution carried out?</li><li>4. What are some examples of what happened at the camps?</li></ol>
7. Victims	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Who else apart from Jew was persecuted?</li><li>2. Why were other groups persecuted by the Nazis?</li><li>3. How were other groups persecuted?</li></ol>
8. British Response to the Holocaust	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. What was the British response to the Holocaust?</li><li>2. How did some people in Britain feel about the Jews?</li><li>3. How did the British media react to the Holocaust?</li><li>4. How did the British help the Jews during the Holocaust?</li><li>5. How is the Holocaust remembered in Britain today?</li></ol>
9. Liberation and Legacy	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. What were the death marches?</li><li>2. What does Liberation mean?</li><li>3. How were the camps liberated?</li><li>4. Who liberated the camps?</li></ol>

# Y9 Essential Knowledge Topic 3 – Post War World

<p>1. The Bombing Of Pearl Harbour And The End Of WW2</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Where is Pearl Harbour?</li> <li>Why did Japan bomb Pearl Harbour?</li> <li>Why did America join the war?</li> <li>Why did America use atomic weapons?</li> <li>What were the consequences of America using atomic weapons?</li> </ol>
<p>2. What is the difference between capitalism and communism?</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Can you define capitalism and communism?</li> <li>What are the differences in government between the two ideologies?</li> <li>What is the difference in the economy between the two ideologies?</li> <li>Why did the Cold War escalate after 1945?</li> </ol>
<p>3. Why was the Berlin Wall built during the Cold war?</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What happened to Berlin after World War two?</li> <li>Why did Stalin decide to blockade West Berlin?</li> <li>What was the Berlin Airlift?</li> <li>What was the Berlin Ultimatum?</li> <li>Why was the Berlin Wall built?</li> <li>How did the Berlin Wall affect the lives of Berliners?</li> </ol>
<p>4. Why was the Cuban Missile Crisis significant for the Cold war?</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Where is Cuba?</li> <li>Why was Cuba important to America?</li> <li>What was the Bay of Pigs?</li> <li>What happened in the Cuban Missile Crisis?</li> <li>What was the outcome of the Cuban Missile Crisis?</li> <li>Why could the Cuban Missile Crisis be seen as a turning point?</li> </ol>
<p>5. Who assassinated JFK?</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What happened at the assassination of JFK?</li> <li>What happened when Lee Harvey Oswald was arrested?</li> <li>What did the Warren Commission Report conclude?</li> <li>What other theories are there about the assassination of JFK?</li> </ol>
<p>6. How did China become a communist country?</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What was Imperial China like?</li> <li>Why did the first Chinese Civil War start?</li> <li>How was China involved in WW2?</li> <li>How was the second Chinese Civil War won?</li> <li>What changes did Mao bring to China?</li> <li>What were the consequences of the great leap forward?</li> <li>Why was the Cultural Revolution launched in 1966?</li> </ol>
<p>7. Why did America lose the Vietnam war?</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Where is Vietnam?</li> <li>What was the domino theory?</li> <li>Why was there a war in Vietnam?</li> <li>Why did America get involved?</li> <li>What kind of tactics did America and the Vietcong use in the war?</li> <li>Why was there opposition to the war in America?</li> <li>What led to the US withdrawal in Vietnam?</li> </ol>
<p><b>8. What led to the end of the Cold War?</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How was life different under the two superpowers in the 1980's?</li> <li>Who was Michael Gorbachev?</li> <li>What were Gorbachev's ideas?</li> <li>What were the causes of the End of the Cold War?</li> <li>What were the consequences of the end of the Cold War?</li> </ol>

# Y9 Essential Knowledge Topic 4 –

## American Civil rights

<p>1. What was life like for Black Americans before 1945?</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. What was a main cause of the American Civil War in 1861?</li><li>2. What are the Jim Crow laws?</li><li>3. Who were the KKK?</li><li>4. How did WWII contribute to the Civil Rights Movement?</li><li>5. What changed after 1945?</li></ol>
<p>2. How did Black Americans protest about education?</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. What is separate but equal?</li><li>2. How did the President get involved in the Little Rock High incident?</li><li>3. Why was Brown Vs the Board of Education important?</li><li>4. Why was the James Meredith case a landmark case?</li><li>5. Why did the Civil Rights movement start with education?</li></ol>
<p>3. What was the Montgomery Bus Boycott?</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. What is a boycott?</li><li>2. Why was the Montgomery Bus Boycott important?</li><li>3. What did the Montgomery Bus Boycott show?</li><li>4. How important was the involvement of the NAACP and other groups?</li></ol>
<p>4. Non-Violent Protests and their contribution to the Civil Rights Movement</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. What was the Greensboro Sit in?</li><li>2. How influential was the Sit in?</li><li>3. How did Martin Luther King inspire the Greensboro four?</li><li>4. What were the freedom rides?</li><li>5. What were the consequences of the freedom rides?</li><li>6. What happened at the Birmingham March?</li><li>7. Why was the Washington March significant?</li></ol>
<p>5. Why was the passing of the civil rights Bill's a huge moment in the Civil Rights Movement?</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. What was the Civil Rights Act?</li><li>2. What still needed to change after the passing of the Civil Rights Act?</li><li>3. What led to the Voting Rights Act of 1965?</li><li>4. Was the passing of the Civil Rights Bills a success?</li></ol>
<p>6. Did the Civil Rights Movement make as much as an impact on Black American lives?</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Who is Malcolm X?</li><li>2. Why was Malcolm X significant in the Civil Rights Movement?</li><li>3. What were the main differences between Martin Luther King and Malcolm X?</li><li>4. What was the impact of violent protests?</li><li>5. Has the Civil Rights Movement impacted the lives of black Americans enough?</li></ol>