Primary History: Children of World War 2

Extension Activity - World at War

Make your own timeline of the war. You could choose events that might have been of special interest to children. How do you think children felt about the war in 1939? How would they have known what was going on? Would children in Germany or Japan have felt any differently from children in France or Britain? How would children in Poland have felt in the summer of 1939?

Use a map to find the countries that played important parts of the war. You could also find out about those countries that in 1939 had special links with Britain through the British Empire (such as Australia, Canada, the Caribbean islands and India).

Use local libraries and other research resources to **find pictures of where you live before the war**. What has changed the most? Was your school there in 1939?