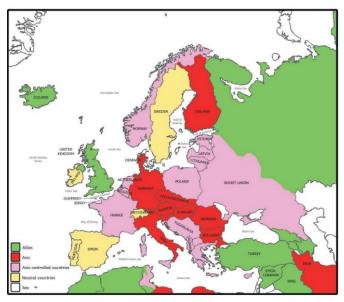
World War 2

Big Question: What were the priorities for the British Government during World War 2?

Timeline of key events			
1939	1 st September 1939	German troops invade Poland	
	3 rd September 1939	British Prime Minister declares war on Germany	
	29 th September 1939	Introduction of rationing	
1940	September 7 th 1940 (until	Air raids started bombing British cities, known as the Blitz. 32,000	
	May 1941)	civilians killed and 87,000 seriously injured.	
	26 th May- June 24 th 1940	The evacuation of 340,000 allied troops from Dunkirk .	
	10 th July 1940	The Battle of Britain begins	
1941	22 nd June 1941	Germany invades the USSR	
	7 th December	Japan bombs Pearl Harbor in the US	
1943	16 th and 17 th May 1943	The Dambusters bombing raid is carried out.	
1944	6 th June 1944	British and USA troops successfully land on beaches in Normandy.	
		This is known as D-Day .	
1945	27 th January 1945	Soviet troops liberate Auschwitz where 960,000 Jews and other	
		minority groups had been killed in gas chambers.	
	7 th May 1945	Germany surrenders to the allies.	
	8 th May 1945	Winston Churchill announces Victory in Europe (VE Day)	
	6 th August 1945	First atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima, Japan by the USA killing	
		78,000.	

Who was involved?		
Axis	Allies	
Germany	Britain	
Adolf Hilter	Neville	
	Chamberlain	
	Winston Churchill	
Japan	France	
Hirohito	Charles de Gaulle	
Italy	America	
Mussolini	Franklin D.	
	Roosevelt	
	USSR	
	Joseph Stalin	



	Vocabulary	
1	treaty	A written agreement between two or more
		countries.
2	evacuate	To move people from a dangerous place to
		somewhere safe.
3	ration	Giving someone a set amount of something
		because there is very little available.
4	conscription	System in which people are made to join the
		army.
5	siren	Makes a loud warning sound.
6	dictator	A leader who has complete power and has not
		been elected.
7	military	The armed forces- includes the army, the navy
		and the air force.
8	civilian	Someone who is not a member of the military or
		police.
9	morale	The amount of confidence or hope that people
		feel for the future.
10	invasion	Entering somewhere by force in order to control.
11	Home front	The support of the nation's civilians when at war
		including the Women's Land Army, Dig for
12	Ni:	Victory and Make do and Mend.
12	Nazi	The Nazi party were a political group that ruled
		Germany between 1933 and 1945. They were fascist.
13	Holocaust	The mass murder of Jews under the Nazi rule
15	Holocaust	(1941-1945). More than 6 million Jews, as well as
		members of other minority groups were
		murdered at concentrations camps.
14	concentration	A place where people are held as prisoners.
	camp	Unlike in actual prisons, the people are not there
		because they have done anything wrong. Instead
		they are members of a group that the
		government wishes to punish or control.
15	propaganda	Information designed to promote a political idea
		or opinion.