

What significant turning points are remembered in British history?

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Dunkirk

Was a series of evacuations from the beaches of Dunkirk in France throughout May and June of 1940. Throughout the event, ordinary fisherman and boat owners helped by travelling over to Dunkirk to save as many soldiers as possible. Over 338,000 troops were evacuated over an 8-day period.

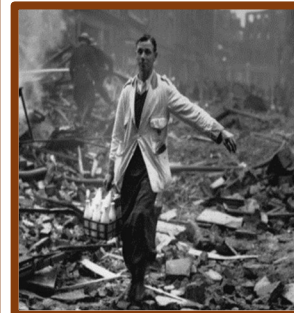
The Blitz

The Blitz began as a response to the German loss at the Battle of Britain. It began in September 1940 and ended in May of 1941. It had two sides. On the outside, the Blitz spirit was promoted and morale of the British people was “shown” to be high. On the inside though, things were different. The government were desperate to hide this to keep the war efforts on track.

D-Day

D Day was on the 6th June 1944. Its code name was operation Overlord and it allowed the Allies to get 850,000 troops onto the ground in France to attack Nazi Germany and Hitler. The operation began the freeing of France from Nazi control.

Propaganda



The Battle of Britain

This battle, fought entirely by planes and won by the British stopped the Germans (who believed their air force was better) invading Britain. It was seen as a major victory.

WW2 begins
1939

Battle of Britain
July- Sept 1940

The Blitz Sept
1940- May 1941

Dunkirk May-
June 1940

D Day Landings
June 1944

End of WW2
1945