

Battle of Britain





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Enduring Understanding:

Hitler's London Blitz was a failed attempt to capture Great Britain

Essential Questions:

1. What was Hitler's plan to capture Great Britain and was it successful?
2. What new technology did the British have?

Objectives

- Trace the course of German aggression and British resistance in Europe

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- Winston Churchill = Prime Minister (PM) of Great Britain
-May 1940
- France surrendered to Germany
-June 22, 1940

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- August-October 1940
 - Germany sent thousands of aircraft to attack British targets
- Hitler's plan = destroy Royal Air Force (RAF) to make it possible to invade
 - Germans failed

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- British had new technology
 - radar
- British air defenses = more effective than other countries'
 - Technology let British see Germans before they got close enough to fight

London Blitz

- September 1940
 - German planes began bombing British ports & cities, including London
 - Hitler attacked civilians = tried to break the will to fight; demoralize
 - fires often worse than bombs

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- 57 straight nights
- people took shelter in the Underground (subway)
- children evacuated to countryside/north

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- bombing continued, but British refused to give in
- early 1941
 - Hitler called off his plans to invade Britain

**Read on your own:
“From Folkestone to Tintern:
An Evacuee’s Story”**

