Year 6 : Why was The Battle of Britain a significant turning point in WW2?

Key Vocabulary

Evacuation	Moving people away from an area where they are in danger to a safer location
Air Raid	An attack by enemy aircraft, usually dropping bombs.
Adolf Hitler	The leader of the Nazi party in Germany.
Nazi	Member of the German political group which came to power in 1933.
Luftwaffe	The German Airforce.
Messerschmitt	A German fighter aircraft used in WWII
RAF	The Royal Airforce (British).
Spitfire	A British fighter aircraft used in WWII
Lancaster Bomber	A British plane that dropped bombs in WWII
Radar	A system that uses radio waves to detect objects.
Axis Forces	Countries which fought on the German side including Italy, Germany and Japan.
The Allies	Countries which fought on the British side including: USA, Great Britain, France and Russia.



Recommended Reads



Battle of Britain Timeline

10th May 1940	Churchill becomes Prime Minister.
3rd September **1939**	Britain declares war on Germany, so **World War 2 begins.**
July-October 1940	Germany bombs Britain in preparation for the invasion of Britain. The RAF defended the UK and itself. **Britain won The Battle of Britain which was a turning point in the war.** Hitler postpones the invasion of Britain.
September 1940 – May 1941	The Blitz. German campaign of bombing British cities at night.
7th May 1945	Germany surrenders. It is the end of the war in Europe.
15th August **1945**	**End of WW2 .** The surrender of Japan was announced on August 15th 1945.

Sticky Knowledge

Winston Churchill was the Prime Minister from 10th May 1940 and throughout WWII including during the Battle of Britain



Britain was able to win 'The Battle of Britain' for a variety of reasons:

- Britain had better aircraft and produced them quicker than Germany
- The German planes could only fly for 30 minutes at a time
- Britain had RADAR

The Battle of Britain was in 1940 (July-October). Winston Churchill made a famous speech after the Battle of Britain victory in which he said, 'Never was so much owed by so many to so few.'

