



Battle of Britain Lesson Plan (for teachers)

Bridge from Last Lesson

None. This is designed as a stand-alone lesson for pupils in Years 7 and above.

Shared Learning Objectives

To introduce the Battle of Britain and life on the home front during the summer of 1940. Students should be able to identify five facts about the Battle of Britain.

Materials

A 7 minute 41 second film on the Battle of Britain is available on our website and YouTube.

A question sheet and answer sheet to accompany the film are available on our website.

Photos of the Battle of Britain are available on our website.

Starter

We are going to learn about the Battle of Britain and life on the home front in 1940.

Share photos from the Battle of Britain.

What do you know about World War Two and the Battle of Britain? (discussion)

What do you think it was like to be a pilot of a Spitfire or Hurricane aeroplane? (discussion)

Did you know that many children were evacuated from their homes and families to live in the countryside, where it was safer? (discussion)

What challenges were faced by children and students during the Battle of Britain?

Introduction

Watch the film and listen carefully to the commentary.

Having watched the film, try to answer the 17 questions on the question sheet.

Conclusion/Plenary

What are five facts you learned from the film?

What facts might have surprised you?

What further questions do you have about the Battle of Britain?





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Next Steps

Research an element of the Battle of Britain that is of interest to you and present to the class. You might want to think about the types of aircraft flown by the British and German airmen, the role of women in the Battle of Britain, what it was like for civilians during the Battle of Britain and the accompanying Blitz, and how children fared when evacuated.

Differentiation Strategies

Use Bloom's Taxonomy questioning to stretch and challenge more able students as well as supporting development of less able student answers.

Additional Education Needs (AEN)

More able students:

Creative writing, art or drama around the subject. Possible themes:

- Children saying goodbye to parents upon evacuation.
- A pilot report being scrambled to battle.
- Watching an air battle from below.

Less able students:

Review the film and photos and discuss elements such as:

- Who was affected by the Battle of Britain?
- How are the aircraft different from planes flown today?

Resources

Battle of Britain 75th Anniversary Film:

www.redwhiteblueday.co.uk/downloads.asp
www.youtube.com/watch?v=8XD1DNR11nU

Question Sheet to Accompany Film:

www.redwhiteblueday.co.uk/RWBDay-2015-Film-Question-Sheet.pdf

Answer Sheet to Accompany Film:

www.redwhiteblueday.co.uk/RWBDay-2015-Film-Answer-Sheet.pdf

Photographs:

www.redwhiteblueday.co.uk/RWBDay-2015-Photographs.pdf

Battle of Britain:

www.raf.mod.uk/campaign/battle-of-britain-75th
www.rafbf.org/bob

