

The Outbreak of World War 2 - A Newspaper Report

You are going to be writing a Newspaper article report as though WW2 has just started. It is going to be a recount of the day war broke out filled with lots of information and quotes from eye witnesses to help create an interesting and well written Newspaper Article.

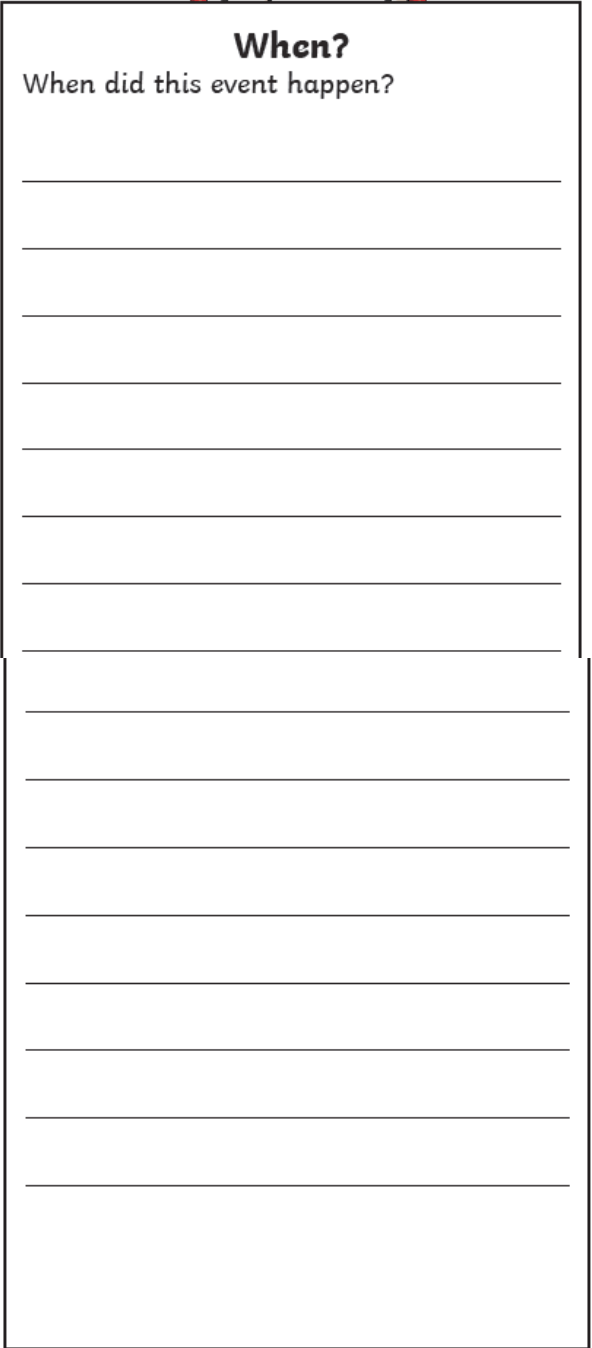
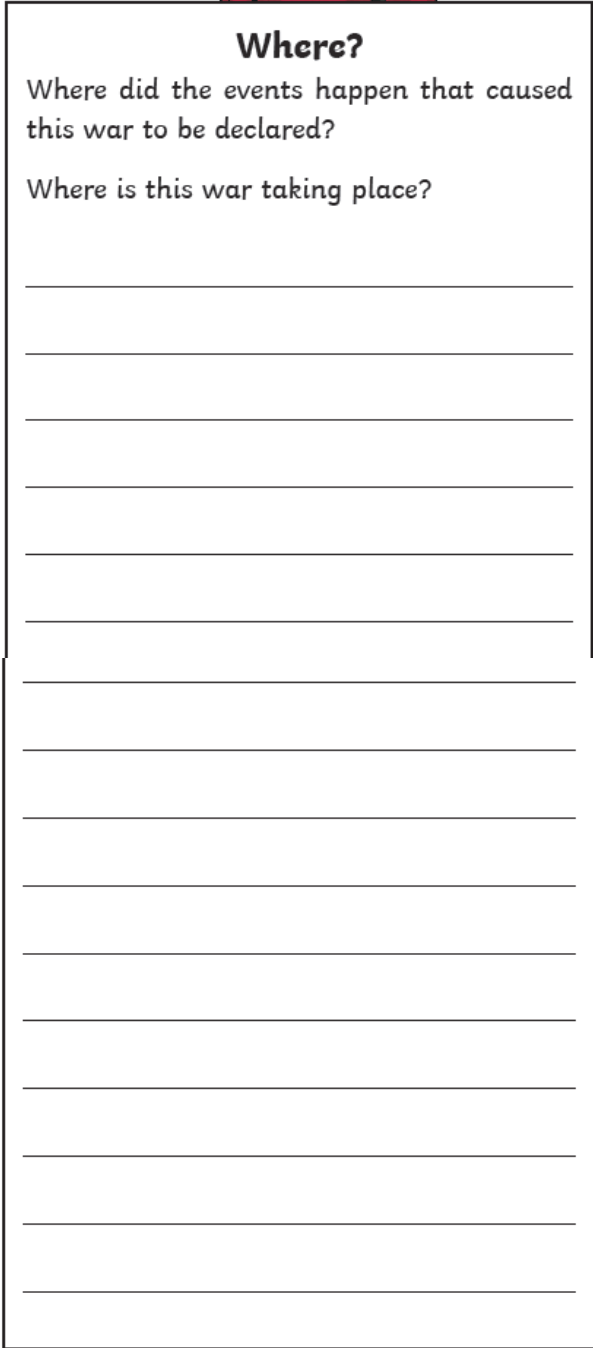
Task 1: Research

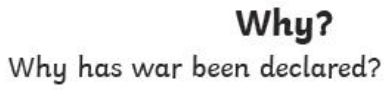
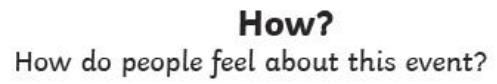
First, you need to learn all about the outbreak of WW2, using the questions below research the answers well as this will help you write your article. Here are some recordings of Neville Chamberlain's speech on the Radio (Wireless) as he broadcast to the nation that *Great Britain* was at war with *Germany*:

- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/history-ks2-world-war-2-clips-the-declaration-of-war/z4qn6v4> (shorter clip)
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xcSnKArKz8E> (full speech)

Some more very useful information: <http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/Britain.html>

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Task 2: The Interviews

As a reporter, you have to think of good questions to ask the people you are interviewing so that you can get some good quotes for your Newspaper article.

Imagine you are a reporter at the time of the start of WW2 (1939), trying to get extra views and opinions on the outbreak of war.

Who would you want to interview?

What are you going to ask them?

Think of at least 4 good questions to ask them:



Questions I will ask

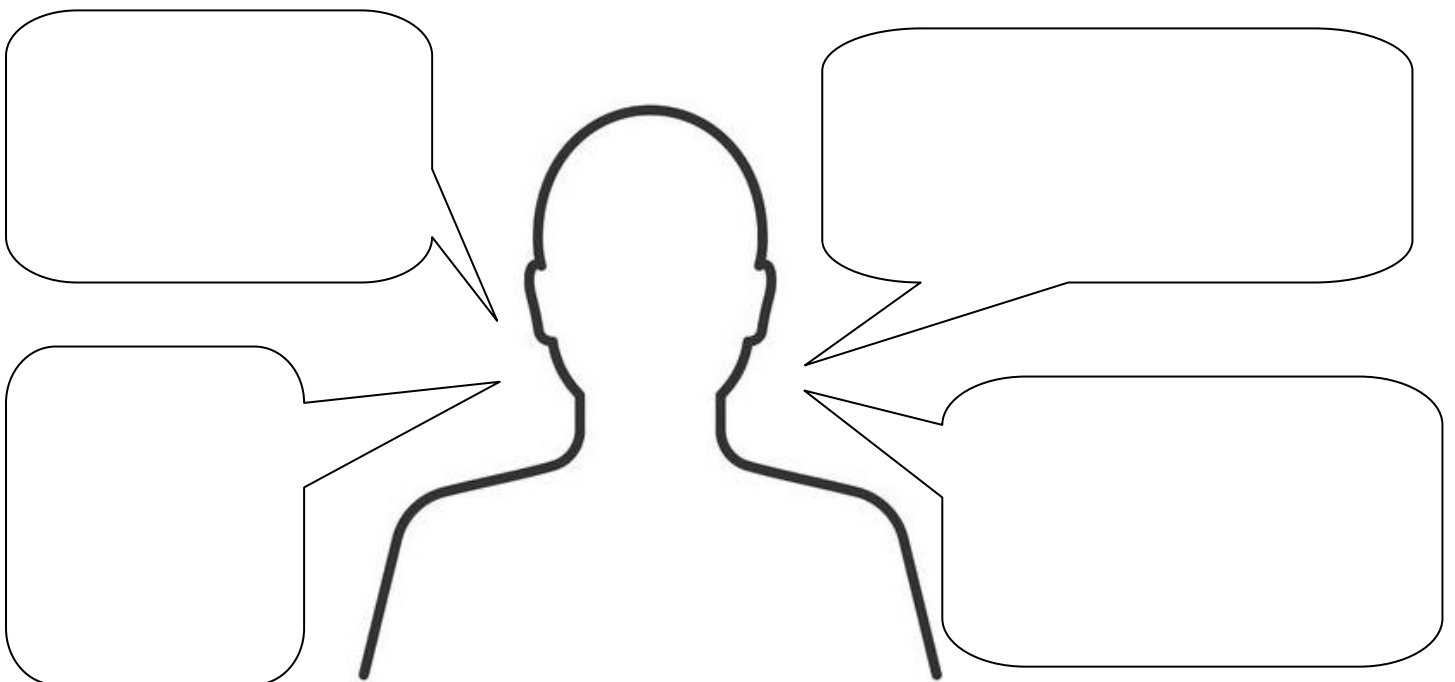
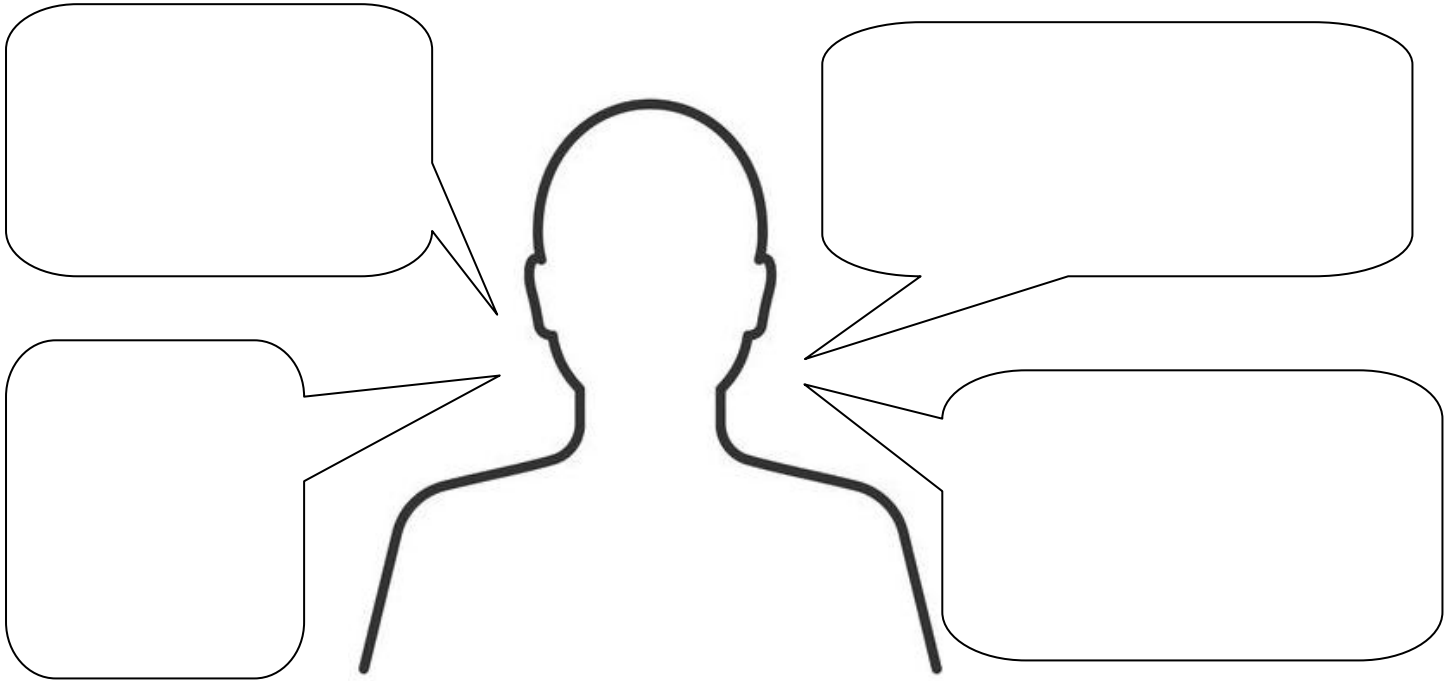
Imagine asking at least 4 different characters from the time of the start of the war (different ages, different jobs and different attitudes towards the War) the questions you have prepared.

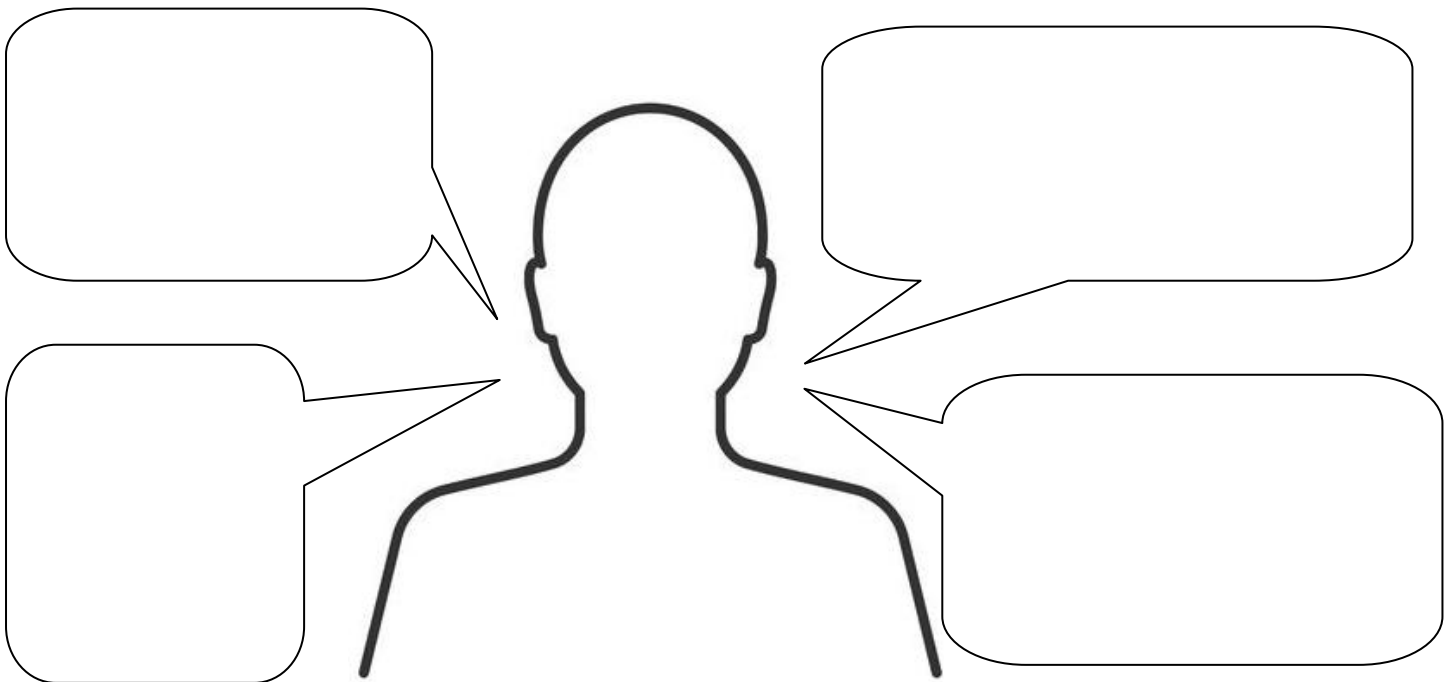
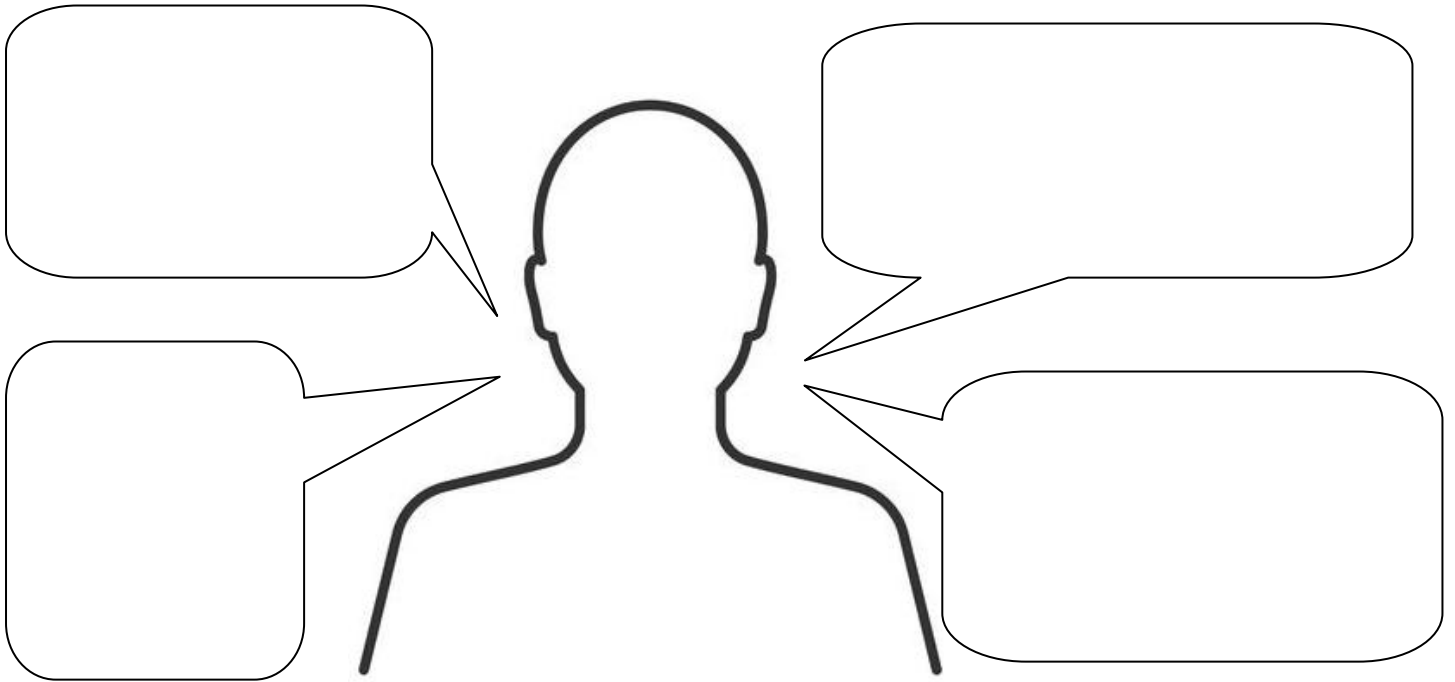
How will they respond? How will they answer your questions?

You can always get your family help by giving them one of your characters and interviewing them with your questions and seeing what they say!

Use the space below to record the character's answers in speech bubbles so you can use them later as quotes in your newspaper.

Provide details of each person interviewed e.g. name, age, where they live and you could even add faces and details to head to help bring your character 'to life':





Task 3: The Planning

HEADLINE:	
Introduction	Picture
When? What? Where?	What picture would sum up your news report best? (E.g. A scene, one of your interviewees, Hitler, Chamberlain or the wireless broadcast,)
Paragraph 1	Paragraph 3
Extra details about why war has come about and why it couldn't be stopped... If you were at the scene of the Declaration of the War, what would you.... ...see? ...hear? ...feel? (could have some extra quotes from speech or interviews here too)	Second interviewee. Name: Job / Age: What were they doing? Why were they there when they heard the news? How do they feel about the War? Quote/s:
Paragraph 2	Conclusion
First interviewee. Name: Job / Age: What were they doing? Why were they there when they heard the news? How do they feel about the War? Quote/s:	What will happen next? How will people be affected by this in the future?

Task 4: Look at example newspapers to get extra ideas if needed...



Britain and Germany at war |

At 11.15am yesterday morning the Prime Minister, Neville Chamberlain announced that a state of war exists between Britain and Germany following Germany's invasion of Poland.

In the last few months, Mr Chamberlain has valiantly tried to maintain the peace in the face of Hitler's aggression. However, the unprovoked invasion of Poland has finally forced Britain to take military action.

Speaking on the radio, the Prime Minister explained that the German government had been ordered to withdraw their troops from Poland. He went on to explain, "No such



undertaking has been received and consequently, this country is at war with Germany."

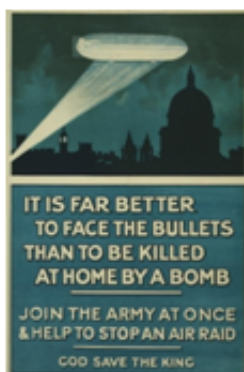
Air-raid warnings

The city is now braced for German air attacks in the coming days. The evacuation of small children has already begun and everyone is reminded to listen out for air-raid sirens and carry their gas masks at all times.

The King's message

King George reacted to the news with calm determination, giving these words of encouragement, "There may be dark days ahead, but with God's help we shall prevail."

France joined Britain at 5pm yesterday and other countries are expected to make announcements in the coming days.



BRITAIN DECLARES WAR

GERMANY FAILS TO REPLY TO OUR ULTIMATUM



PREMIER TELLS THE NATION

"I Am Certain That The Right Will Prevail"

HITLER'S MIND MADE UP

BRITAIN IS AT WAR WITH GERMANY, NO REPLY TO OUR ULTIMATUM HAVING BEEN RECEIVED BY 11 A.M.

Premier in a broadcast to the nation at 11.15 said: We are at war with Germany. "No undertaking has been received from Germany."

Prime Minister said: "Now may God bless you all. May we defend the right. It is not things that are fighting against: brute force, bad faith, injustice, oppression, and persecution, and against them I am certain that the right will prevail."

"You can imagine what a bitter blow it is to me that all my long struggle to win peace has failed."

"Yet I cannot believe that there is anything more or anything different that I could have done and that would have been more successful."

"Up to the very last it would have been quite possible to have arranged a peaceful



The lights have gone out in Europe once again and Britain is at war with the Navy on perpetual guard.

Battle Continues Along The Frontier

THE PREMIER'S DISCLOSURE

Delayed German Reply Due to Peace Plan?

WEEKLY - GUARDIAN

The Premier's Statement

Published in the Evening Post

Every Friday Morning 1d.

Nottingham Evening Post

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1939. PAGES ONE PENNY

BRITAIN AT WAR WITH GERMANY

Premier's Momentous Statement In The Commons

MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S FINAL WORDS

"I Trust I May Live To See Hitlerism Destroyed"

FATEFUL DAY IN WORLD'S HISTORY

IN A MOMENTOUS SPEECH IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS TO-DAY, THE PRIME MINISTER DECLARED THAT THIS COUNTRY WAS NOW AT WAR WITH GERMANY.

THE PREMIER'S VOICE TREMBLED AS HE SAID: "EVERYTHING THAT I HAVE WORKED FOR, EVERYTHING THAT I HAVE HOPE FOR, EVERYTHING THAT I BELIEVED IN DURING MY PUBLIC LIFE HAS CRASHED INTO RUINS THIS MORNING."

"There is only one thing left for me, and that is to devote what strength and powers I have to forwarding the victory of the cause for which we have to sacrifice ourselves."

The Premier's final words were, "I cannot tell what part I may be allowed to play myself. I trust I may live to see the day when Hitlerism has been destroyed and a restored and liberated Europe has been re-established."

Mr. Arthur Greenwood, Deputy Leader of the Opposition, said: "The untimely agony of someone like this is all of us here suffered to some degree. We saw the world. The hatred was too deep and too bitter, and in fulfillment of her pledged word and unbreakable intention to defend

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Mr. Chamberlain in speech today.



Adolf Hitler.

THE KING'S MESSAGE TO THE EMPIRE

"Stand Calm, Firm And United"

According to the British Empire, the King said: "In this great hour, perhaps the most serious in our history, I send to every Dominion of our Empire, both as friend and comrade,

HITLER'S CHOICE

Refusal Of The British Demands

"NO INTENTION TO ANNIHILATE POLAND"

The Government's ultimatum was delivered by Sir Leslie Henderson to Herr von Ribbentrop at nine o'clock this morning, and the Berlin Government was given two hours in which to reply.

The German reply was handed to the British Ambassador in the form of a memorandum, declaring that the Reich Government and the German nation refused to accept or even to satisfy demands in the form of an ultimatum from the British Government.

But for the intervention of the British Government, it continued, a settlement, reasonable to both Germany and Poland, would have been found. "Germany has neither the intention, nor has she put forward the demand to annihilate Poland."

The following statement was issued from 10 Downing Street:

"On September 1st our Majesty's Ambassador in Berlin was instructed to deliver the German Government that whilst they were prepared to give His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom satisfactory assurance that the German Government had refrained all measures against Poland, and were

Daily

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 1914 LONDON MANCHESTER

GREAT BRITAIN DECLARES WAR ON GERMANY

The following announcement was issued at the Foreign Office at 12.15 a.m.

SUMMARY REJECTION

Britain had sent an ultimatum to Germany which expired at midnight. This was due to Germany's refusal to leave Belgium neutral and her invasion of that country.

The German Ambassador went to 10 Downing Street to receive his



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I know the next Newspaper article is randomly about James and the Giant Peach, but it is annotated well with the features needed in your WW2 newspaper so I thought it may be of some help:

Y4 Example Text Recounts: Newspaper Report Annotated Genre Features

All Text: written in third person and past tense

Hillside Observer

6th August

¹ name of the newspaper

Peaches and Scream!

² headline

Reported by Harriet Sayers, Media Correspondent, Manchester

³ reporter's name and job title

⁴ introductory paragraph that includes the 5 Ws

There were scenes of panic this morning as the famous giant peach at Hilltop House broke off its branch and flattened two sisters dead. The massive fruit then continued on a journey of destruction through the town before finally falling off a cliff into the sea.³



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⁵ pictures with captions

Popped off by a peach - sisters Sponge and Spiker.

⁶ facts about the main events

The unfortunate event began just after 9 a.m. this morning⁵ as sisters Sponge and Spiker were preparing to admit the first visitors of the day to see the twenty-foot-wide peach. The freakish fruit had mysteriously grown overnight in their garden a few days earlier.

A tremendous crash was heard as the peach broke through the fence and careered into Sponge and Spiker.⁵ The sisters were still reported to have been fighting and arguing as they frantically tried to dodge their fate.

Picking up speed, the fiendish peach hurtled down the

hillside towards the town.⁵ Arthur Brown, 74, was enjoying a spot of fishing when the uncontrollable fruit whizzed by. He was quoted as saying, "One minute I was sat by the river minding my own business and the next my new fishing rod was whisked out of my hands by a gigantic ball of fuzz. It was a very abnormal experience."⁶

Within half an hour, the naughty peach had squashed two parked cars, released a river of chocolate from a local factory and damaged hundreds of gardens before it bounced over the clifftop and splashed into the English Channel.⁵

⁷ quotes written as direct speech



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⁵ pictures with captions

The peach at sea.

⁶ facts about the main events

Amazingly, nobody else lost their lives during the perilous incident and the death of the unpopular sisters from Hilltop House is unlikely to cause anyone much distress. However, police are concerned for the safety of the sisters' nephew.⁵ James Trotter has not been seen since Tuesday. The public are urged to report any sightings of him immediately.

It is thought that the peach will gradually perish in the saltwater or be eaten by

hungry sea creatures and it no longer poses a threat to human life.⁵ However, sailors are advised to avoid the area for the time being as a precaution.

Fruit tree experts are currently studying the old peach tree to work out how it produced the peculiar fruit. The tree will be relocated in the town square on Friday and a prayer service will be held at 11 a.m. in remembrance of the late sisters.⁷

⁸ a conclusion paragraph to explain what might happen next

Task 5: Writing the Newspaper

Use your planning sheet and the checklist below to help you ensure your Newspaper includes all the features needed.

On the next few pages are blank newspaper frames which you could choose to write your newspaper on or you could create your own newspaper paper - Make sure to have the columns, space for a picture and your headline too!

Enjoy!

I can't wait to read your finished Newspaper Articles...

Features of a Newspaper Report Checklist

How many of the following features can you spot in the newspaper report?

Features	✓ / X
The name of the newspaper	
A headline that uses a pun, rhyme or alliteration	
A subtitle which gives a bit more information about what the report is about	
The reporter's name	
An introductory paragraph containing the 5 Ws (what, where, when, who, why)	
Information about the main events presented in chronological order	
Pictures with captions	
Written in the third person and in the past tense	
Direct and reported speech	
Formal language	
Rhetorical Questions	
A conclusion paragraph to explain what might happen next	

Can you use some of this language in your Newspaper article too?

Year 4 Recounts: Newspaper Reports



later on

after some time

finally

at the start

in no time at all

within minutes

before long

that morning

that evening

the next day

this incident		the unusual event	
reports suggest		witnesses report	
amazingly		strange happenings	
all over the country		was quoted as saying	
evidence suggests		experts believe	
crowds witnessed		however	although
because	when	if	what
as	after	while	when
before	so	but	where
that	since	who	why

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As always, make sure your Newspaper Article writing...

- Is written with your neatest joined handwriting (Apart from Headline and sub headings which can be bold and blocked writing if needed)
- Uses a range of punctuation accurately: A . ! ? , " " ... () '
- Makes sense
- Is detailed and interesting e.g. extend your noun phrases with adjectives and use a range of fronted adverbials too.
- Is Checked, Checked and Checked again - Read it 3 times and improve any errors found especially any spelling and punctuation mistakes!

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