

WW2 school workshop

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Kenley
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Discover their finest hour

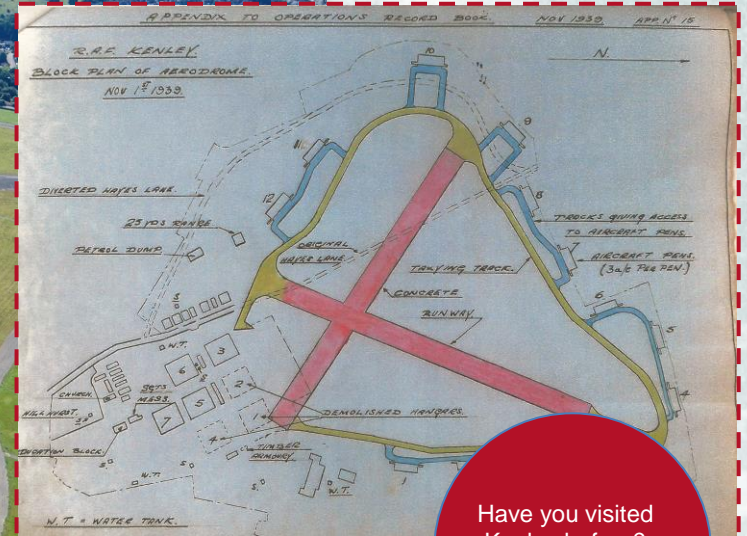
Creativity, curiosity, conversation!



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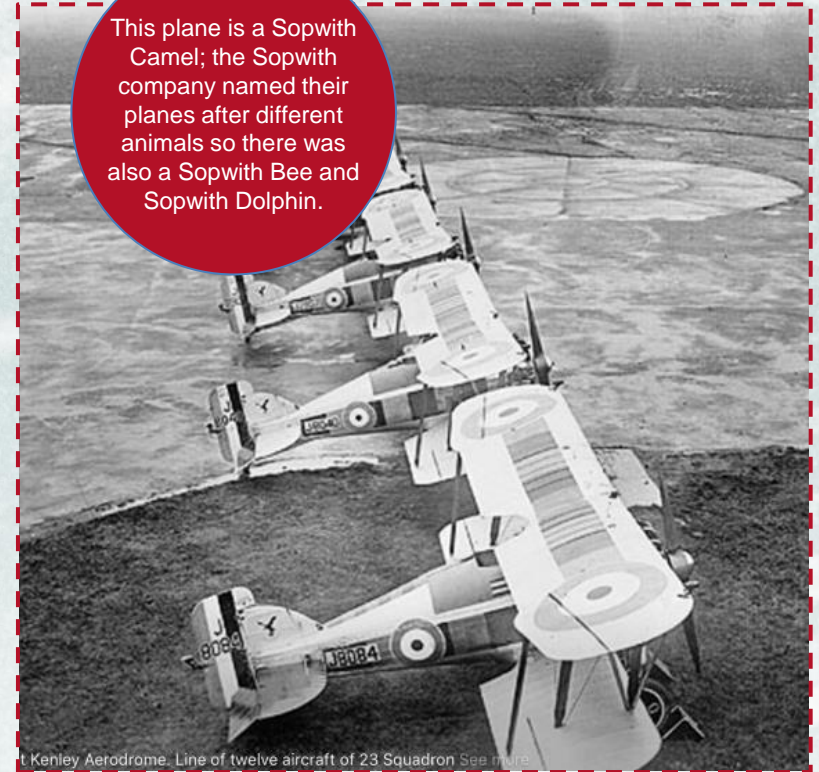
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Kenley 100 years ago



Today we will be focussing on Kenley's WW2 history; name one fact you know about WW2.

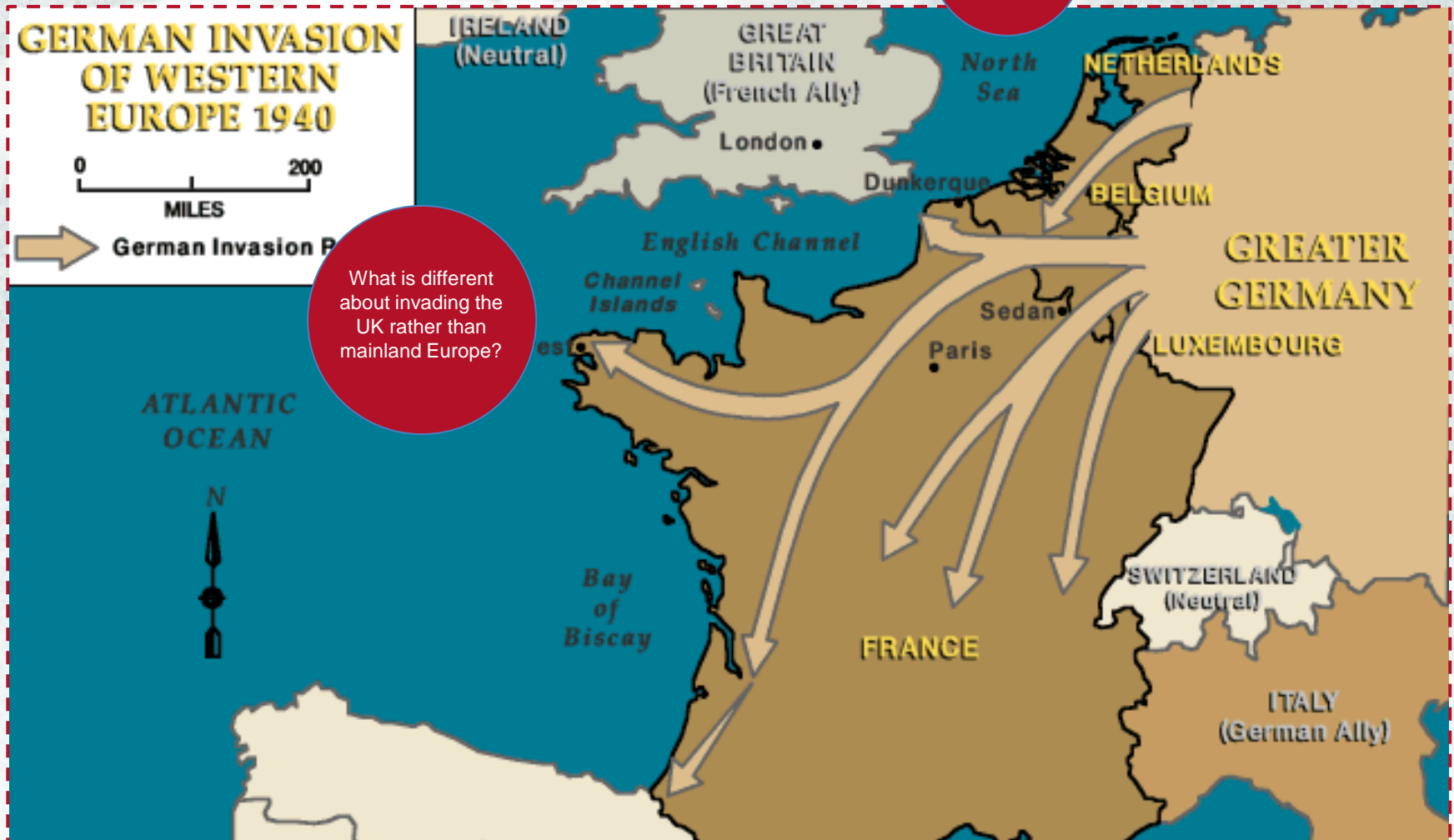


This plane is a Sopwith Camel; the Sopwith company named their planes after different animals so there was also a Sopwith Bee and Sopwith Dolphin.

Kenley Aerodrome. Line of twelve aircraft of 23 Squadron See more

What was the 'Battle of Britain'?

Why did they attack by air?



Battle of Britain at Kenley – 1940



In pairs answer these questions:

- What was the Battle of Britain?
- When was it?
- Who was involved?
- How did it happen?
- Why did it happen?
- With what result?

Did you know it took nine minutes to rearm and refuel a Hurricane.

Of more than 2,900 pilots who served in the Battle of Britain only around 2,330 were British



WW2 – Spitfires and Hurricanes



During the Battle of Britain in July 1940, the RAF had a total of 527 Hurricanes and 321 Spitfires to face the Luftwaffe's 2,700 planes.



Hurricanes were made of wood and fabric.

The Spitfire is the most famous plane of World War Two. Its ground-breaking design and superior specifications gave the British a decisive advantage fighting the Luftwaffe in the Battle of Britain.



Pilots usually only had 10 hours of training and the average age of a Battle of Britain pilot was 20/21 years old.



What was Kenley like during the Battle of Britain?

Explore each object with your group and answer the questions on your worksheet.

Now think of a question to ask about your object.



A British pilot famously rammed a German bomber to prevent the destruction of Buckingham Palace.

18th August 1940 – the hardest day



116 bombs were dropped on the Kenley area
in one year from 1940–41!

Can you find
out if your
house or
school were
damaged?





We remember...



IDENTITY CARD
FOR R.A.F. PERSONNEL (All Ranks)

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Description

Arthur Smith
Sergeant

Arthur joined the RAF in 1936
and then the 66 Squadron in
July 1940.

After he moved to Kenley on
4th September he was in
combat over Ashford Kent
where his Spitfire was shot
down. Arthur baled out and
was seriously wounded. He
was rushed to hospital but
sadly died from his injuries
two days later. Arthur was 22
years old. He is buried close
to Kenley in St Luke's
Churchyard, Whyteleafe.

Summary (and a bit of fun!)



9 RAF personnel and
another 8 people were
killed after a heavy
bombing raid on what
became known as the
Hardest Day 18 August
1940