Worksheet: Battle of Britain

Strengths of Britain

Unified system to defend Britain including fighter command; searchlights; anti aircraft guns Britain's defences divided into sectors with their own operations room. The planes could not land to refuel or take on extra ammunition

The pilots came from a variety of countries and worked long hours fighting in dog fights

Weaknesses of Germany

Early warning of incoming German planes by 51 radar stations and 1000 observation posts.

Lack of heavy bombers (they did not carry many bombs)

Goering the head of the Luftwaffe did not realise the importance of radar and so did not consistently attack the

radar stations.

Production of aircraft in Britain outstripped losses of aircraft.

over Southern England.

RAF bomber command

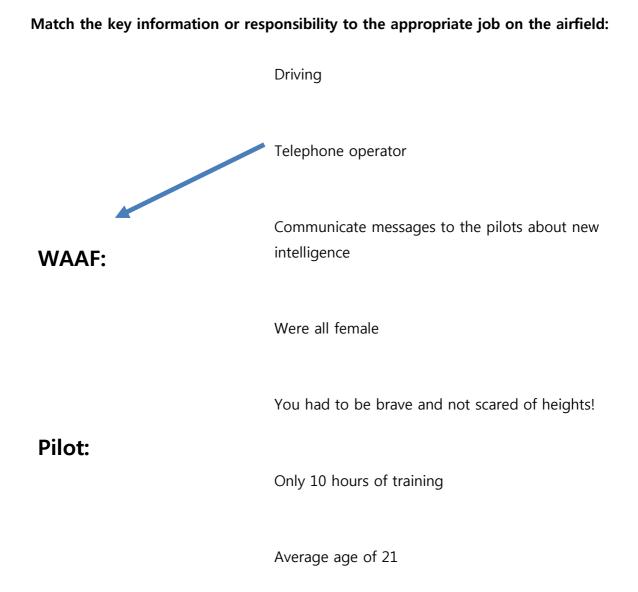
carried out attacks on

German ports and

airfields

Hitler changed his tactics and stopped bombing the airfields and started bombing London.

Worksheet: WW2 jobs



ARP Warden:

Keeping everyone safe

Shelter

Worksheet: Top trumps

Spitfire



Max speed Weapons Crew 1

362 mph 8 machine guns in wings

Plane was fast, handled well and was more than a match for German fighters.



Hawker Hurricane



328 mph Max speed Weapons 8 machine guns in wings Crew 1

Plane could turn sharply and take a lot of damage before the pilot had to 'bail out'. The Hurricane was the most common RAF fighter.



Kenley

Messerschmitt ME109



357 mph Max speed 2 machine guns on engine, Weapons Crew

2 cannons in wings 1

Most deadly and feared of all German planes.





Max speed Weapons Crew

242 mph 2 machine guns and 450kg of bombs 2

Its lack of maneuverability, speed and defensive armament meant that it required a heavy fighter escort.





Max speed 251mph 4 machine guns Weapons Crew 1

Gloster Gladiator

The RAF's last biplane fighter aircraft and was rendered obsolete by newer monoplane designs even as it was being introduced.



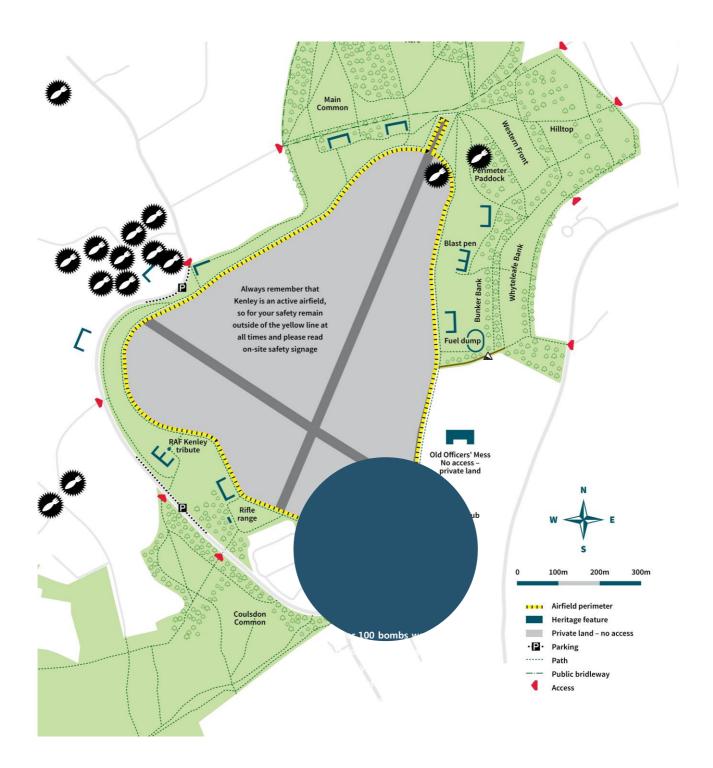
Max speed 220mph Weapons Crew

6 machine guns and 1000kg of bombs 4

German light bomber. Good handling at low altitude made it harder to hit than other German bombers.



Worksheet: Bomb damage



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