

Primary History: Children of World War 2

Extension Activity - Daily Life

Practise writing letters and postcards. Imagine being without email or text messages! Imagine you're an evacuee writing home, or that you are writing to an older brother or sister in the Forces. What news from home might you put in your letter?

Compare the wartime experiences of children in Britain with those of children living in occupied countries, such as France or Poland. See what you can discover about life in other countries, such as Malaysia and Singapore, which were also occupied.

If you were a child in France or Holland during the war, why would you have listened to the BBC? Why did people in occupied countries have to listen in secret? **Talk about the issues of censorship and propaganda.**

Find out more about homes in the 1930s and 1940s. A good place to start exploring period style and design is www.bbc.co.uk/homes/design/period_1930s.shtml. Compare the wartime kitchen with ours today. Old people may have memories of managing without fridges and washing machines.