



THE SECOND WORLD WAR EXPERIENCE CENTRE

EDUCATION: THE HOME FRONT

Evacuation – Why were children evacuated and what was it like to be an evacuee?		
Objectives Children should learn: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. About causes of evacuation.2. Find out about the experience and feelings of evacuees.3. Use a range of resources including ICT to find out about evacuation.	Activities Children could: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Discuss the possible dangers to children during the Second World War and then devise ways in which these problems could be overcome. Examine the advantages and disadvantages of staying at home with your family.2. Identify which and why certain areas of the country were more likely to be attacked and which areas might be suitable for evacuees.3. Explore and produce a diary/record of an evacuee outlining what happened on the day that they were evacuated. Or create a storyboard of the main events of the day.4. Examine the letters written by evacuees then write their own letter home as an evacuee, explaining what life is like with a host family. Contrast the experience of the evacuee with the experiences of the host family's children.5. Find out what evacuees experienced. Think what questions they might ask an evacuee and ask different members of the class to take up that role.6. Produce a short play or plays demonstrating the main events in the lives of evacuees.7. Make a list of the items, clothes etc a wartime evacuee was allowed to take with them. Fill a carrier bag or shoe box with items from the present day they would want to take with them if they were evacuees.8. Look at the ways parents kept in touch with their children and how they tried to ensure they were happy.	Outcomes Pupils should be able to: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Suggest how children and other vulnerable members of society were kept safe by the strategy of evacuation.2. Describe the likely feelings and experiences of an evacuee.3. Begin to use words associated with evacuation such as billets etc accurately and appropriately.4. Compare the experiences and feelings of children in a host family with those of an evacuee.