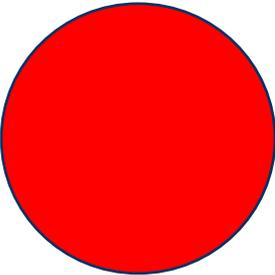


# Battle of Britain



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## **Enduring Understanding:**

Hitler's London Blitz was a failed attempt to capture Great Britain

## **Essential Questions:**

1. What was Hitler's plan to capture Great Britain and was it successful?
2. What new technology did the British have?

# Objectives

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- Trace the course of German aggression and British resistance in Europe

# Battle of Britain

- Winston Churchill = Prime Minister (PM) of Great Britain
  - May 1940
- France surrendered to Germany
  - June 22, 1940

# Battle of Britain

- August-October 1940
  - Germany sent thousands of aircraft to attack British targets
- Hitler's plan = destroy Royal Air Force (RAF) to make it possible to invade
  - Germans failed

# Battle of Britain

- British had new technology
  - radar
- British air defenses = more effective than other countries'
  - Technology let British see Germans before they got close enough to fight

# London Blitz

- September 1940
  - German planes began bombing British ports & cities, including London
  - Hitler attacked civilians = tried to break the will to fight; demoralize
  - fires often worse than bombs

# London Blitz

- 57 straight nights
- people took shelter in the Underground (subway)
- children evacuated to countryside/north

# Battle of Britain

- bombing continued, but British refused to give in
- early 1941
  - Hitler called off his plans to invade Britain

**Read on your own:  
“From Folkestone to Tintern:  
An Evacuee’s Story”**

