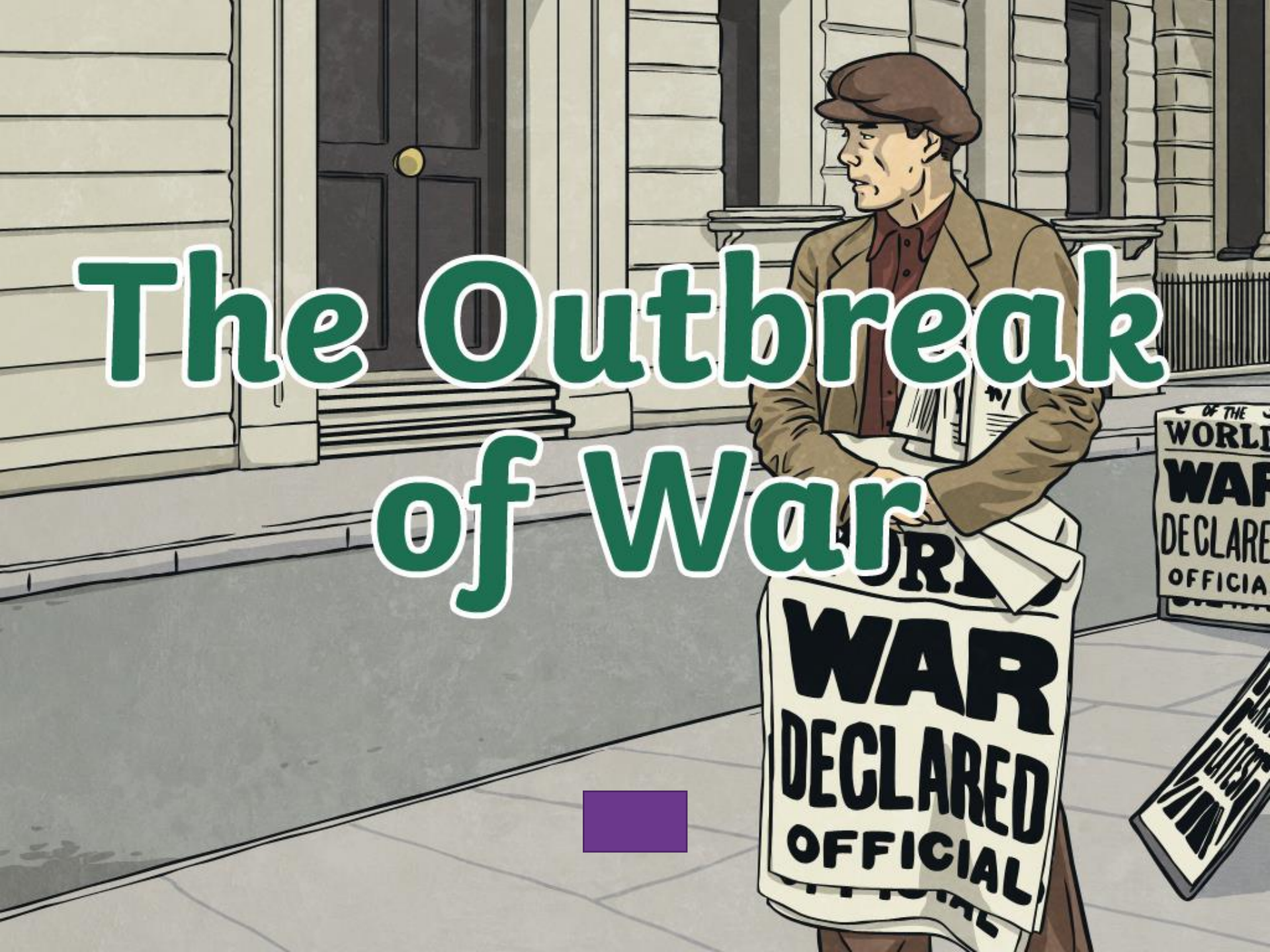
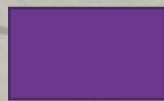
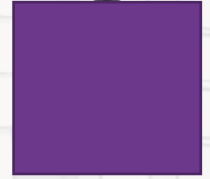


The Outbreak of War



Britain at War



What do you already know about World War II?

Discuss the following questions with your partner and jot down any information you can in the K section of your **World War II KWL Grid**.

- When and why did World War II start?
- What were the main countries and people involved?
- Do you know about any key events that happened?
- What was life in Britain like during World War II?
- What else do you already know about World War II?

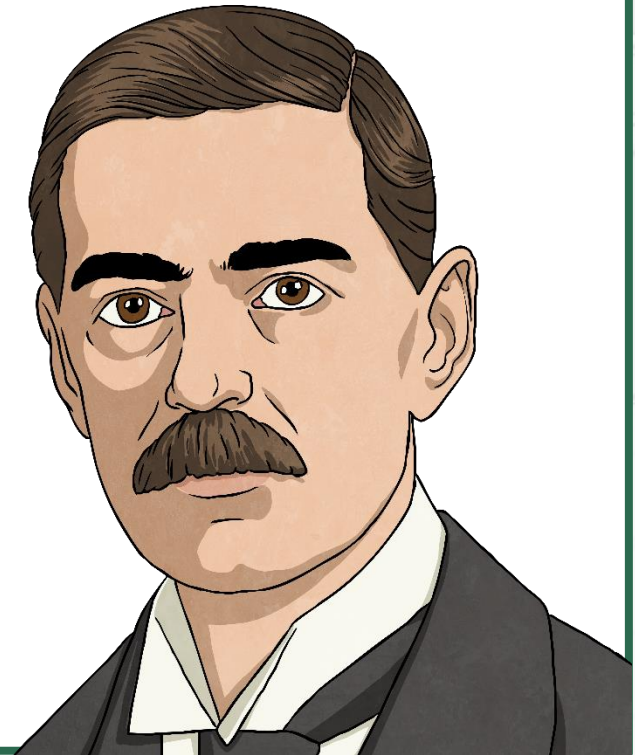


Now, think about what you would like to learn about World War II or what you would like to find out more about. Record your thoughts and questions in the W section of your World War II KWL Grid.

Neville Chamberlain

Listen to the [audio footage](#) of the then British prime minister, Neville Chamberlain, announcing to Britain that they were at war with Germany on 3rd September, 1939.

- How do you think you would have felt to hear the announcement?
- What questions would you have wanted to ask Mr. Chamberlain?
- On the next slide fill in the blanks.

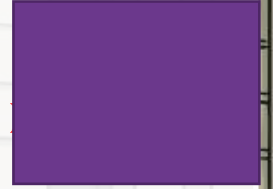


Adolf Hitler

living space

claimed as German land

Leader



Adolf Hitler was the Führer (_____) of Nazi Germany.

He had plans to invade and occupy as many countries as he could to gain Lebensraum (_____) for German people.

In 1938-1939 Hitler's troops had already invaded and annexed (_____) Austria and Czechoslovakia.

Britain and France had promised to protect Poland if it was also invaded, so when Hitler refused to withdraw the troops that had marched into the country on 1st September 1939, Britain and France reacted.

Britain and France declared war on Germany on 3rd September, 1939.



Allies and Axis Powers

At the start of World War II, the Allies were the United Kingdom, France and Poland. These nations had made a pact to stand together against Hitler and the Axis Powers. The Allies were soon joined by the British Commonwealth (South Africa, Canada, Australia and New Zealand) and then the Soviet Union, the United States of America and China.

Other Allies included British India, the Netherlands and Yugoslavia. In 1942, the Allies were officially named as the United Nations.

The Axis Powers were Germany, Japan and Italy, who made a pact to stand together in opposition to the Allies.

Colour in your **World War II Colouring Map Activity Sheet** to show the Allies, Axis Powers, and the Axis-controlled and neutral countries.



Timeline Activity

- Look at the key dates of WW2 on your sheet.
- Put them in order and create a timeline showing this.