




What impact did the wars have on Barking and Dagenham?

Enquiry Question	Sources	Activities	Vocabulary
What role did Barking and Dagenham play in WW1?	Newspaper Clippings Propaganda Artwork Historical Photographs Local War Memorials Statement from War Hero	<p>Barking and Dagenham World War 1 Presentation Children will learn about the outbreak of WW1 and the effect this had on the people of Barking and Dagenham. They will uncover the propaganda posters that led to men signing up and about the role women played in keeping the factories running.</p> <p>WW1 Heroes – Job Drain Information Text and Fact File Activity Children can read an account of a local World War 1 hero and discover what they did to achieve a prestigious Victoria Cross Medal from the King of England.</p> <p>History Defenders World War 1 Children will apply what they have learned about WW1 and heroes such as Job Drain, to design their own monument which remembers another hero from the local area. A fictional newspaper report gives reference to two other heroes if you don't want to research your own.</p> <p>Extended Task: Use the website astreetnearyou.org to find out about more WW1 heroes in the area.</p>	Franz Ferdinand, World War 1, Allies, Central Powers, propaganda, regiment, western front, Sterling Works, Remembrance Day, peace party, monument, Job Drain, artillery battery gun, Victoria Cross
What happened in Barking and Dagenham at the end of WW1?	Historical Photographs Becontree Development Maps Population Graphs Becontree Tenants Handbook Reference Newspaper Clippings	<p>Becontree - Homes for Heroes Presentation Children can learn about the Homes for Heroes scheme and how it impacted the area. They will discover what the homes were like and what it meant for the rest of the country.</p> <p>The Becontree Tenants Handbook Analysis Children can analyse a set of rules taken from the Tenants Handbook in 1933. They can decide if they think the rules were a good way to keep the area clean and tidy, or if they think they were too strict.</p> <p>Becontree Letter Example and Activity  Children can read or listen to the example letter being sent by Laura to her mother. The letter contains a fictional account of a move to the estate in the late 1920s, using information from the tenants' handbook to form an accurate imagining. Children can then write their own letter as if they were moving there.</p> <p>Becontree Photo Pack A mixed photo pack containing A5 photo cards of the Becontree estate both on the ground and from above.</p> <p>Extended Task: What can you find out about the Becontree Girl Pipers?</p>	Becontree estate, London slums, community, homes for heroes, King George V, Gandhi, tenant,



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What role did Barking and Dagenham play during WW2?

Photographs
Newspaper cuttings
Propaganda posters

Barking and Dagenham's role in World War 2 Presentation
Children will learn about World War 2 and its impact on Barking and Dagenham. The presentation will particularly focus on the role that people from the area played in the war effort.

Sir Tasker Watkins Biography and Comprehension
This activity will teach children about one of Dagenham's World War 2 heroes and the incredible bravery that led to him being awarded the Victoria Cross. The biography comes with an accompanying set of comprehension questions to help assess children's understanding.

Diary Writing Task
Using what they have learned so far, children will write a diary entry in character as Sir Tasker Watkins. The task sheet provides guidance as well as a reminder of some of the key features of a diary entry. A diary writing template is also provided as part of the task. A WAGOLL is also included to provide inspiration.

Extended Task: Use the website astreetnearyou.org to find out about more WW2 heroes in the area.

World War 2, conflict, Adolf Hitler, Poland, Allies, Axis powers, Neville Chamberlain, Winston Churchill, evacuation, Operation Pied Piper, Phoney War, Essex Regiment, RAF Hornchurch, Royal Air Force, anti-aircraft guns, Sir Tasker Watkins, D-Day landings, Victoria Cross.

What was life like for people who stayed in Barking and Dagenham in WW2?

Photographs
Ration Book
Propaganda posters
Anderson shelter assembly instructions

Barking and Dagenham during World War 2 Presentation
This presentation will teach children about what life was like for the people who stayed in Barking and Dagenham during World War 2. It will discuss areas such as the work that people did and how they attempted to keep themselves safe during the air raids.

Anderson Shelter Information Text and Task
Children will learn about Anderson shelters and how they were used. They will also have to convert units of measure to mark out the area of a shelter. This will help them visualise the cramped conditions that whole families found themselves in on a nightly basis. This task includes Anderson Shelter Assembly Instructions adapted from the real document that was published at the time.

Build your own Anderson shelter
This hands-on activity will enable children to build their own paper representation of an Anderson shelter.

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World War 2, evacuation, Operation Pied Piper, air raid, bombing, Anderson shelter, Morrison shelter, air raid wardens, ARP, rationing, Land Army.



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At the end of the local history enquiry, children should be given an opportunity to showcase their learning. Below are some ideas for how the children could present their learning about 'What impact did the wars have on Barking and Dagenham?'.

Opportunities to showcase learning

Build a mini-Museum about the wars

Create a Non-Fiction book about WW1 or 2

Create a booklet about the Becontree Estate

Create a school remembrance display

Build a mock website about WW1/2 Heroes

Hold an assembly which tells the story of a world war hero

Write a short play about moving to Becontree



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Teacher's Pet have been providing downloadable and playable educational content to early years and primary school teachers for over 14 years. We cover all areas of the curriculum and use a team of in-house teachers and designers to create engaging and memorable concepts, that the children will love.

Why local history?

At [Teacher's Pet](#) we want to empower primary school teachers by giving them the tools they need to deliver inspiring and thoughtful lessons about the local area and its history. We believe local history teaching has such an important part to play in a child's wellbeing – helping to give children a sense of pride in where they live.

Our Local History project is designed to provide teachers across the UK with everything they need to successfully carry out a full scheme of teaching about their local area, through key enquiry questions and source led activities.

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