

5 Guided Reading Play Scripts (plus quizzes) based on Unit 9 Children in World War II – written by Sue Russell.

(This set of guided reading play scripts is one of a collection, based on Units 6 – 20 of the UK Key Stage II History Curriculum; also available – collection of class plays, again based on these units. For complete list including play scripts for USA curriculum, visit www.plays-r-ussell.com)

Play 1- Background/Beginnings of War – Why? When? 1914-39

Speakers:

Winston Churchill
Neville Chamberlain
Hitler
British Child
German Child
Jewish Child

Play 2 The Course of War 1939-45. Key events. When? Where?

Speakers

Neville Chamberlain
Adolf Hitler
Winston Churchill
Stalin
Roosevelt
Emperor Hirohito of Japan

Play 3 Evacuation

Speakers:

Evacuee 1
Evacuee 2
Evacuee 3
Evacuee 4
Evacuee 5
Evacuee 6

Play 4 The Blitz – Air Raid

Speakers:

Air Raid Warden
Mother
Father
Grandad
Child 1
Child 2

Play 5 War-time Life

Speakers:

Mother
Father
Child
Sailor
Wren
Anne Frank

Play Extracts:

Play 1- Background Speakers: Winston Churchill, Neville Chamberlain, Hitler, British Child, German Child, Jewish Child

Churchill:

And who was the master mind behind it?

Chamberlain:

Why Hitler, of course!

Hitler:

But only because *you* sat back and *let* me. How *feeble* you were! *Why* did you think I started building up the German armed forces? I started my war preparations way back in 1933. You had plenty of time to stop me before we all went to war in 1939!

British child:

OK, so he misread the signs!

German child:

I'd say it was more a case of weakness! Not like our leader – he didn't need anyone's permission. He just got on with it.

Jewish child:

He did that all right! He didn't waste any time trying to wipe out a *whole race*!

Play 2 The Course of War 1939-45 Speakers: Neville Chamberlain, Adolf Hitler, Winston Churchill, Stalin, Roosevelt, Emperor Hirohito of Japan

Roosevelt:

Brave words. But you took a huge risk, you Brits, going it alone.

Stalin:

Yes, it wasn't long before France was defeated, joining the rest of Europe in Nazi occupation.

Churchill:

Well, Germany *did* only have 2 true friends - Italy and Japan, making up the Axis Powers.

Play 3 Evacuation Speakers: Evacuee 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6

Evacuee 6:

And then being lined up just like animals at an auction!

Evacuee 1:

Course, the smart rich city kids were the first to be chosen.

Evacuee 2:

And guess who was the last? Just because I wasn't catwalk material!

Play 4 The Blitz – Air Raid Speakers: Air Raid Warden, Mother, Father, Grandad, Child 1 & 2

Air Raid Warden (sighing):

I can tell *tonight's* going to be a *very* long one! *You* come with *me*, Grandad, and *I'll* take *you* to the *best* party in town!

Grandad:

Now *that's* more like it! Why didn't you *say*? Will there be anybody *else* there?

Air Raid Warden:

Just a few! Around 200,000 – is *that* enough for you?

Grandad:

You mean *a rave*! Ooh yes! With lots of *dancing*?

Play 5 War-time Life Speakers: Mother, Father, Child, Sailor, Wren, Anne Frank

Father:

And *fat* was something you were *very* unlikely to be! But hey! We were all in the same *boat*!

Sailor:

Not with *me*, you weren't. You thought *you* had it tough. Huh! You should have tried being at *sea*.

Wren:

I *did*! In the Women's Royal Naval Service. *Forget* the seagulls! Us *wrens* were *far* more highly trained!

