A chronology of World War Two: some key events

1 Sept 39

Jan 1940

Jan 1941

Jan 1942

Jan 1943

Jan 1944

Jan 1945

15 Aug '45

Japan Surrenders

D-Day: allies invade France

Soviet army occupies Berlin: Hitler commits suicide

Japan attacks Pearl Harbour. U.S. enters the war

The Phoney War

Germany invades Poland

Allies invade Italy

British win Battle of El Alamein in N.Africa

British force in Singapore surrenders to Japanese

Germany invades Russia

Britain survives Battle of Britain and the Blitz

Britain declares war on Germany

German forces surrender

U.S. drops atom bomb on Hiroshima

Germany overruns Low countries and France; British army forced to evacuate from Dunkirk

Pressures of time, and the emphasis on sourcework at GCSE mean that it is often quite difficult for pupils to develop a clear idea of how the war as a whole unfolded. This exercise is designed to be used towards the end of the study of the war, to see to what extent the pupils have developed an overview of the war as a whole. The pupils can attempt the exercise and then be given access to a file with the answers. To make the boxes movable, make them into text boxes. (Draw menu).