

WW2 TOPIC BOX: EVACUEE PHOTOPACK

Teacher notes and ideas for use:

Some of the best learning in any subject takes place through independent investigation and open-ended questioning strategies, and (in terms of History in particular) Historical Enquiry of primary and secondary source material, and as such some suggestions for use are as follows:

- **SPEAKING/LISTENING: As prompts for group discussion** – e.g. asking the children to compile a group of starter questions such as *“what are the people in the photos wearing?/ how is this different to how we dress today?”* / *“can you create a wordlist in your group to describe how the children might be feeling?”* / *“What were the labels for?”*
- **WRITING: As a source of motivation for writing** – e.g. choose a person from the photos and write their diary for that particular day; write a newspaper article describing a particular event in the evacuation process; write a playscript of the conversation between two of the characters in the photo; design/write a form that the teacher might have used to list all the children (i.e. what information would she need to have?); design a ww2 style poster about the benefits of evacuation
- **DRAMA: As a starter for a drama task** – e.g. recreate a photo scene in your group and then press PLAY, with the characters interacting as they might have done in real life – what would they say and do? How would they feel?
- **ART: As prompts for art work** – e.g. draw the scene in a style of a particular artist; draw a scene from a train window on the journey; make a collage full of the items a child would take
- **GEOGRAPHY: to learn the differences between urban/rural locations:** list the differences between the two locations; research the names of places that people were evacuated to and from and find them on the map – how far did they travel?
- **ICT: as a research and presentation tool** – e.g. look up evacuation routes on google earth and use the ‘path’ tool to measure the distance; use powerpoint to create a project about evacuees; type/design an evacuation poster in MSword



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SHEET 1: getting ready to leave



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SHEET 2: a long journey



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SHEET 3: worries and excitement



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SHEET 4: arrival



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SHEET 5: a new home



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SHEET 6: a new home (2)

