

World War 2

The traumatic consequences of World War 2 are virtually unparalleled. To begin to understand the tragic effect of war, we are going to analyse a few of the statistics and to begin to understand the reasons why such a conflict should be avoided at all costs.

In the USSR, 15 million citizens died and 12 million soldiers died. What is the percentage of each compared to the total of 27 million? Does this strike you as surprising?

In the UK, 403000 soldiers died and 92700 citizens died. Find the percentage of each category out of the total number of UK war fatalities. Can you think why this differs compared to the USSR?

In Canada, there were 0% civilian deaths. Can you think why?

The holocaust, perpetrated by the Nazis, had a decimating effect on some Eastern European populations. In Poland, 3 million were killed out of a population of 35 million. What is this as a percentage?

Overall, Poland's population dropped to 23 million. What is this decrease as a percentage of its original population?