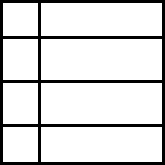
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**Handout 37b: Boxing up the information**: ‘**What were the different stages of the evacuation during the Second World War and what triggered each stage?’**

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| **Key stages and causes** | **Key information** |
| **Introduction** with hook | * Before war started, 4 million civilian casualties predicted in London alone |
| **Middle:**  Stage 1: war is declared | * **11.07 am on Thursday 31 August 1939**: ‘Evacuate forthwith!’ * **1–4 September 1939**: ‘Operation Pied Piper’ began – evacuation of nearly 3 million people, many of them children * Children were labelled like pieces of luggage, separated from their parents and accompanied by an army of teachers * **Sunday 3 September 1939**: Britain declared war on Germany * **January 1940**: almost 60% evacuees returned home |
| Stage 2: the invasion of France | * **13–18 June 1940**: Following German occupation of France, 1 million children evacuated/re-evacuated |
| Stage 3: the blitz | * **7 September 1940**: Blitz began. Children evacuated/re-evacuated * **By May 1941**: 43,000 killed across Britain and 1.4 million homeless * **End of 1941**: city centres, especially London, became safer |
| Stage 4: V1 rocket attacks | * **June 1944**: German V1 rocket attacks on Britain began. 1 million people evacuated from London * **May 1945**: Second World War ended – V1 rocket attacks cease |
| **Conclusion** | * **2009**: first national memorial commemorating evacuation planned |