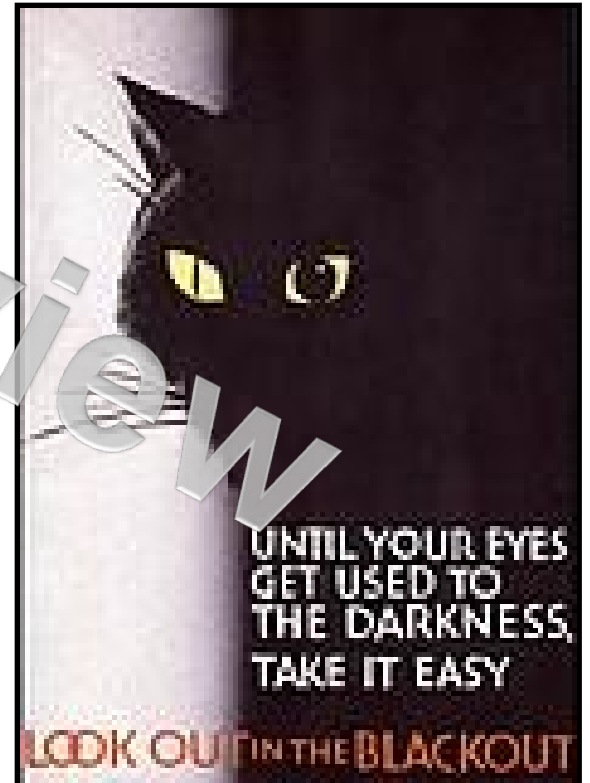




Blackouts

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The Blitz



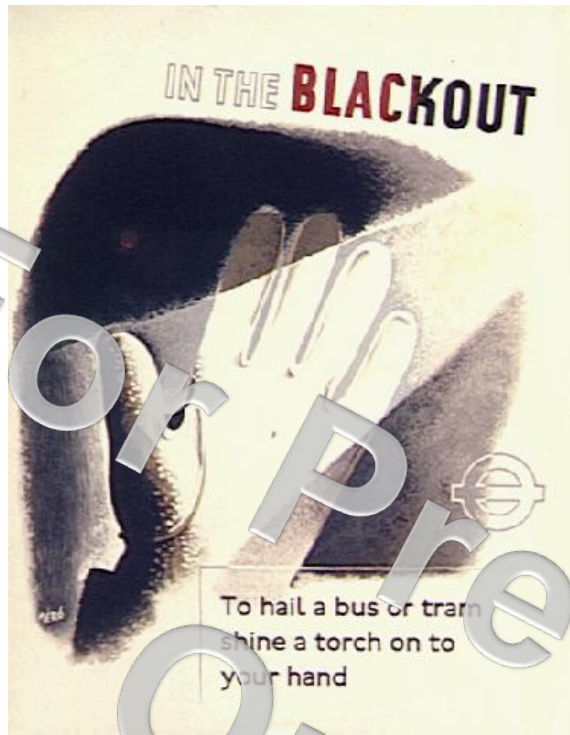
On the 7th September 1940, the Germans launched their first terror raid. Over 350 bombers dropped more than 300 tonnes of bombs. By the next morning, 450 Londoners had been killed and another 1,600 injured.



For the next 11 weeks London was bombed every night. Large areas of the city were destroyed or burned down.



There were not enough firemen or hoses to cope with the flames, which blazed out of control.



At night, German bombers often had to rely on lights on the ground to tell them if they were over a city.

The British government ordered all the houses to block out their windows, and turned off all the street lights. Car drivers were forbidden to use headlights, resulting in more traffic accidents on the road.



Covering Windows

Everyone had to cover up their windows at night with black material, and families were encouraged to use low level lighting, even candles



Everyone hoped it was enough to prevent the Germans bombing their cities.