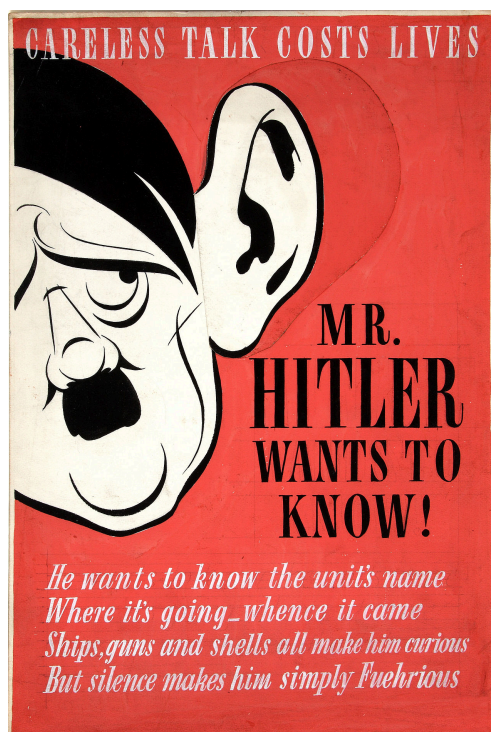

The home front.

❶ British WW2 poster.



❷ David LODGE, *Out of the shelter*, 1970. A novelist born in 1935, Lodge tells the story of young Timothy, aged 5, who likes going to his neighbour's shelter.

In the kitchen Uncle Jack picked up a torch that had a piece of paper stuck across half of the part where the light shone. That was to stop the light shining up in the air and showing the German bombers where you were. Uncle Jack turned out the kitchen light and opened the back door into the garden. He shone his torch out on
5 to the path.

– Mind your step.

As he spoke a plane flew over the house, quite low. Timothy's mother shrank back into the house.

– It's all right, said Uncle Jack. One of ours. You can tell by the engine.

10 Timothy turned his face up in quiet worship of the man who could tell by the engine. The shelter was at the bottom of the garden, which wasn't very far from the house. It was called an Anderson, and it was just a big hole in the ground, really, with cement walls and a curved iron roof. »

➤ Using the documents and your knowledge, describe the living conditions of the British during WW2.