

Tasks

1. Create a detailed CV of Churchill's political career (no less than two sides of A4). This should begin with Churchill being first elected to Parliament on October 1, 1900 and should continue through to his loss of the 1945 election. You need to include detail about:
 - a. What Party he was part of and when;
 - b. What positions in government he held and when;
 - c. Any controversies that he was involved in or connected with, to include at least: Tonyandy; Gallipoli; Gold Standard; Great Strike of 1926; views on India; views on rearmament and appeasement.

2. Study the following two sources and write a response to the question: "How valuable are Sources A & B for understanding Churchill's political position in the 1930s?"

Source A — Churchill on Rearmament

"To urge preparation of defence is not to assert the imminence of war. On the contrary, if war were imminent, preparations for defence would be too late." — *Winston Churchill, Speech to the House of Commons, 7 February 1934*

Source B — Churchill on the Abdication Crisis

"I felt bound to say what I did in loyalty to the King... I believed that the best chance of preserving the monarchy was to give His Majesty the opportunity to make his own decision." — *Winston Churchill, Speech to the House of Commons, 10 December 1936*

Your answer must: Evaluate **provenance** (author, audience, purpose, timing)

- Use **precise contextual knowledge** about Churchill's isolation, rearmament warnings, and the Abdication Crisis
- Analyse **content** (what Churchill argues, tone, implied meaning)
- Consider **value and limitations** of each source
- Reach a **supported judgement** comparing the two sources

3. Create **four one-page profiles** of the following Prime Ministers: Harold Macmillan, Harold Wilson, Ted Heath, Margaret Thatcher

Each profile must include: Key political beliefs, Major policies and reforms, Successes and failures

Resources

It is essential that you purchase a textbook for Britain 1930-1997 before term starts, as it is vital for your independent reading and study. Any student who fails to acquire a textbook will be required to attend after school sessions with the Head of History in order to complete independent reading and study tasks.

If you believe that you will be in receipt of a bursary, it is essential that you acquire a textbook within the first few weeks of term.

The essential textbooks are:

OCR A level History: Britain 1930 – 1997 ISBN: 9781471837296

Access to History: The Cold War 1941-95 Fourth Edition 978-1510457898

You may also wish to purchase a copy of the following textbooks as these cover topics in more detail and will help to support you in developing your knowledge and understanding at a higher level.

If you have not studied the Cold War at GCSE: I would strongly suggest that you read this easily available and accessible textbook: The Cold War: A Very Short Introduction (Very Short Introductions) ISBN-13: 978-0192801784

The following textbook will be very useful for the post-WWII British politics course:

Access to History: Britain 1951 – 2007 Second Edition ISBN: 9781471839092