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# Biography Activity

## World War II and the Holocaust

### Winston Churchill (1874–1965)

Winston Churchill was a British government leader and a key political figure in World War II. After working as a reporter and serving in the British military, Churchill was elected to Parliament in 1900.

In 1940, soon after World War II began, Churchill became Britain’s prime minister. He showed great leadership even as Britain was under attack from the Nazis. Churchill fought back with every resource Britain had, and his enthusiasm and courage helped convince the British that they could win the war. He also worked with the leaders of the United States and the Soviet Union to plan strategies for defeating the Nazis.

Churchill was voted out of office immediately after World War II, but became prime minister again for several years during the 1950s.

**1. Making Inferences** Why do you think Churchill failed to win reelection as prime minister in 1945, even after his leadership helped defeat the Nazis?

**2. Contrasting** How did Churchill’s willingness to fight with every resource Britain had differ from the foreign policy of his predecessor, Neville Chamberlain?