

Churchill was a British statesman and the prime minister who led Britain during World War II.

Winston Churchill did not do well at school. He joined the army and had many adventures in Cuba, India and the Sudan. In

1899 Churchill left the army and went to South Africa as a newspaper reporter during the Boer War. He was captured by the Boers but he managed to escape.

La Guerre des Boers (1899 – 1902) était entre les Britanniques et les colons d'origine néerlandaise (appelés alors Boers puis Afrikaners au xxe siècle) en Afrique du Sud. À la fin du conflit, les deux républiques fondées par les Boers (Oranje Freistaat et Transvaal) perdirent leur indépendance et furent intégrées à l'empire britannique.

In 1900 he was elected to parliament. He held several government posts. During the First World War he served as head of the Admiralty.



During the 1930s Churchill was not in the government. He warned that there was a danger of another world war, but many people ignored him. However, when the Second World War came the prime minister, Neville Chamberlain, put Churchill in charge of the Admiralty again.

When German armies were overrunning Europe in May 1940, King George VI asked him to be prime minister. His courage and his speeches inspired the people of England to withstand air raids and military defeats, and carry on to victory. His speeches were a triumph over difficulties, for in his early years Churchill had a stutter, and he had to fight hard to cure it.

Churchill remained prime minister until the election of 1945, just before the war ended. He became prime minister again from 1951 to 1955. He gave up politics in 1964 and died in 1965.

Churchill was also a writer. He was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1953 for such books as „The Second World War“.

lead, led led: guider
capture: faire prisonnier
be in charge of: être responsable

air raid: attaque aérienne
carry on: continuer
stutter: bégayer

remain: rester
awarded: décorer

Winston Churchill

- wasn't very good at school.
- didn't go to school at all.
- was trained as a school teacher.

Churchill

- was a French officer.
- was a German sailor.
- was a British soldier.

Churchill was a good speaker,

- but couldn't write at all.
- and also a good writer.
- and a good photographer.

Churchill worked

- as a reporter for a newspaper.
- as a clergyman in a South African church.
- as a doctor in Germany.

The Admiralty

- is a new card game.
- is concerned about ships.
- is a British newspaper.

In May 1940

- German troops won the war against France.
- British troops conquered Berlin.
- Chamberlain became prime minister.

Churchill wrote:

- "Alone At Home"
- "The Second World War"
- "War Of The Worlds"

In his early years Churchill had a stutter, that is

- he spoke fluently.
- he didn't speak fluently.
- he didn't speak at all.

When did Churchill give up politics?

- In 1902
- In 1945
- In 1964

Churchill was awarded the Nobel Prize

- for peace
- in physics
- in literature

Churchill's famous hand gesture in which he raised two fingers for a V sign symbolizes

- Valentine.
- vodka.
- victory.

The Boer War was

- before the First World War.
- between the two wars.
- after the Second World War.

In the Second World War Britain fought against

- France.
- Germany.
- the USA.