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Sir Winston Churchill



30 November 1874 – 30 January 1965

Winston Churchill was born on 30/11/1874 at Blenheim Palace, Oxfordshire, England.

When he was 19 he joined the army and visited many countries, including India and Africa, where he was a reporter.

In 1899 Churchill was taken prisoner during the Boer war in South Africa but became famous when he escaped when he left the army to become a Member of Parliament and held many different jobs in the cabinet.

In 1940, Germany and Britain were at war and the British people needed a strong leader as they faced invasion. Therefore Churchill was 66 and had been commanding the army and had to become strong and to be ready to oppose the threat from the Germans. Churchill was appointed Prime Minister and travelled the country visiting other towns and cities and helping to keep up the people's spirits. He made many radio broadcasts which helped inspire the British people. He also started the plan which helped to win the war and had no more than 200 underground headquarters in London.

In 1951 when the war was over, he lost the position Prime Minister in a disastrous election and took up the role of writing, which he loved. He also wrote many books about history and is the only British prime minister to have received the Nobel Prize in Literature.

In 1965 until 1968 Churchill became Prime Minister again. He died on 30th Jan the age of 91.