

The Autumn 2014 Churchill Quiz (#164)

Each Quiz includes four questions in six categories: Contemporaries , Literary matters; Miscellaneous; Personal details; Statesmanship; and War , the easier questions first.

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Question01:

Photo of Churchill addressing the nation on May 8, 1945. What were his good tidings?



[Answer](#)

Question02:

Who was Churchill's great American friend in the Second World War?

Answer

Question03:

What event inspired President John F. Kennedy to declare on 8 April 1963?

“By adding his name [Churchill’s name] to our rolls, we mean to honour him, but his acceptance honours us far more. For no statement or proclamation can enrich his name — the name of Winston Churchill is already legend.”

[Answer](#)

Question04:

Why was 1895 a sad year for Winston?

[Answer](#)

Question05:

December 26, 1941. Where was Churchill when this photo was taken?



[Answer to Question05](#)

Question06:

Who was the Harrow schoolboy who wrote *The Influenza* in 1890.

Oh how shall I its deeds recount
Or measure the untold amount
Of ills that it has done?

[Answer](#)

Question07

Volume III, Part I of *The World Crisis*:

“With a roar of slowly gathered, pent-up wrath which overpowered in its din every discordant yell, the —— nation sprang to arms.’

Which nation ‘sprang to arms’?.

[Answer](#)

Question08:



November 11, 1922. Recovering from an appendix operation, Winston is being helped to the platform to make a speech in which constituency?

[Answer](#)

Question09:

What was unusual about Winston's writing table at Chartwell?

[Answer](#)

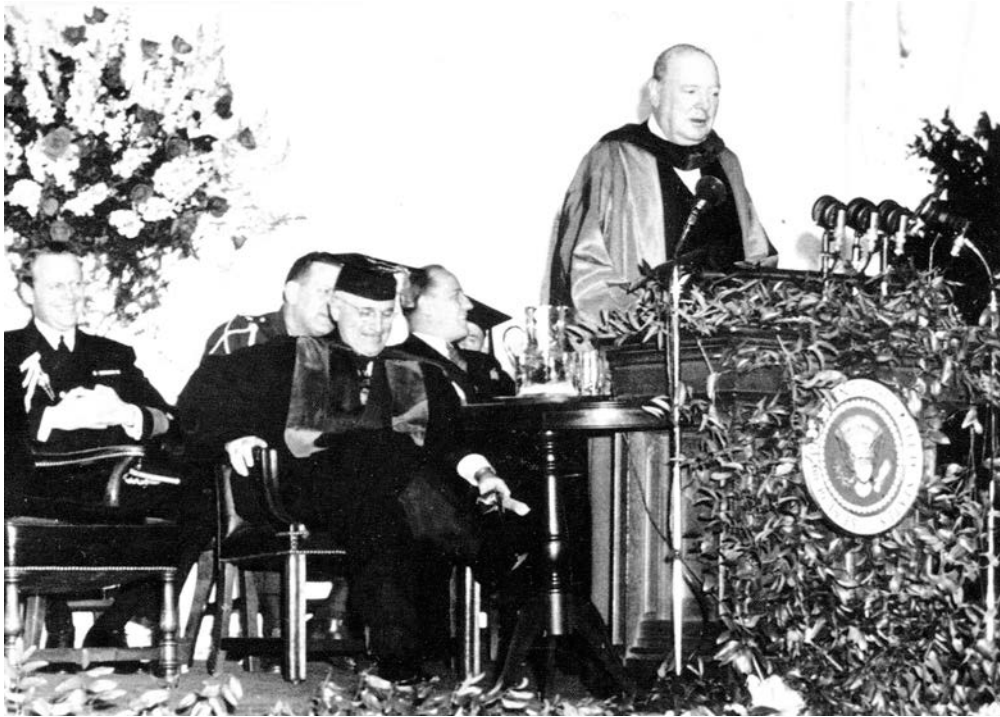
Question10

In which of his essays did Churchill write: 'Painting is a companion with whom one may hope to walk a great part of life's journey:

Age cannot wither her nor custom stale
her infinite variety.'

[Answer](#)

Question11:



Churchill making his 'Iron Curtain' speech on March 5, 1946. Where was this photo taken?

[Answer](#)

Question12:

H.W. Massingham, the well-known lobby correspondent at the time, wrote in the *Daily News* about a remarkable speech in the House of Commons on 13 May 1901: “In the years to come its author should be Prime Minister — I hope Liberal Prime Minister — of England.” Who was the author?

[Answer](#)

Question13:

Where did Churchill do most of his research for his 4-vol life of Marlborough?

[Answer](#)

Question14:

Who was the old friend who cabled WSC from Washington on 21 December 1944:
“What a gallant role you play in the greatest drama in the world’s history.”?

[Answer](#)

Question15:

Name the emissary whom President Roosevelt sent to London in January 1941 to assess the situation.

[Answer](#)

Question16:

Who was the godfather to F.E. Smith's son, christened Frederick Winston Furneaux Smith, born 7 December 1907?

[Answer](#)

Question17:

The year is 1900, Churchill was in which country when this photo was taken?



[Answer](#)

Question18:

December 30, 1941. Where was this photo taken?



[Answer](#)

Question19:

In his article *Hobbies* published in Nash's *Pall Mall* in December 1925, Churchill wrote 'The first impression is the one that counts; and if it is a slight one, it may be all that can be hoped for.' What hobby was he referring to?

[Answer](#)

Question20:

What prompted WSC to write:

‘All the forces I had gathered together on *Arms and the Covenant...* were estranged or dissolved, and I was myself so smitten in public opinion, that it was indeed the almost universal view that my political life was at last ended.’

[Answer](#)

Question21:

At the second meeting of the Indian Empire Society in the Free Trade Hall, Manchester, on 30 January 1931, whom did WSC call: “a fanatic and an ascetic of the fakir type well known in the East.”?

[Answer](#)

Question22:



Photo of Churchill delivering his first budget. In which year?

[Answer](#)

Question23:



As First Lord of the Admiralty, a photo of Churchill delivering his first wartime broadcast. Give the month and year.

[Answer](#)

Question24:

On hearing of the death of Winston Churchill on Sunday January 24, 1965, who sent the following message to Lady Churchill?

The whole world is the poorer by the loss of his many-sided genius, while the survival of this country and the sister nations of the Commonwealth, in the face of the greatest danger that has ever threatened them, will be a perpetual memorial to his leadership, his vision, and his indomitable courage.

[Answer](#)

Answer to Question01:

The surrender of Germany (VE-Day, or Victory in Europe Day)

(Source: Martin Gilbert *The Power of Words* plate 37)

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Answer to Question02

President Franklin Roosevelt

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Answer to Question03

President Kennedy had conferred honorary citizenship of the United States on Sir Winston Churchill.

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Answer to Question04:

His father died in January and his nurse Mrs Everest died in July

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Answer to Question05:

Addressing a joint session of Congress

(Source: Martin Gilbert *The Power of Words* plate 27)

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Answer to Question06

Winston Churchill at the age of fifteen

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Answer to Question07:

The United States

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Answer to Question08:

Dundee:

(Source: Martin Gilbert *The Power of Words* plate 12)

Churchill was defeated. He later wrote:

'In a twinkling of an eye I found myself without an office, without a seat, without a party and without an appendix'

(From Churchill's article 'Some Election Memories' first published in the *Strand Magazine*, September 1931. The editor is indebted to Ron Cohen for this bibliographical information — Cohen, Vol I, page 382. Republished in the 'Election Memories' chapter in *Thoughts and Adventures*, page 154 in the 1991 Norton reprint. In America *Thoughts and Adventures* was published as *Amid These Storms*.)

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Answer to Question09:

It was an upright desk.



(Source: Martin Gilbert *The Power of Words* plate 18)

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Answer to Question10:

Painting as a Pastime (published in *Strand Magazine* in December 1921/January 1922.

It was reprinted in *Thoughts and Adventures* in 1932 as two articles 'Hobbies' and 'Painting as a Pastime' *Thoughts and Adventures* was Published in America with the title *Amid These Storms*.

The quotation:

Age cannot wither her, nor custom stale
Her infinite variety

is from Shakespeare's *Antony and Cleopatra*, Act II, Scene II, lines 243-4). In the slim book *Painting as a Pastime* published by Odhams in 1948, the quotation is on page 13.

Painting as a Pastime was included in the book compiled by the Earl of Birkenhead (aka F. E. Smith) *The Hundred Best English Essays*, published in 1929, with the following introduction, unabridged, to Winston's essay:

Soldier, Novelist, War Correspondent, Politician, Minister, Lord of Admiralty, Administrator, Journalist, Orator, Author, Historian, Painter; this latter-day Admirable Crichton* is more versatile but less of a dilettante than other portent in our history. It is however as an Author that he must take his stand before posterity; and he will live in that capacity not when discussing Politics and the ephemeral affairs of men, but when unfolding in the following article the relation of life to Art, and his own reactions to new impulses. In its revelation of character, in its gift of expression, and in its fresh intellectual challenge this essay is Mr. Churchill at his best. What praise could be more rewarding?

*(Editorial note: *The Admirable Crichton* was a stage play, a comedy, written by J. M. Barrie., first performed in 1902. It was turned into a movie in 1918, and again in 1957.

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Answer to Question11:

Fulton, Missouri. The fellow wearing a mortar board is President Truman.

(Source: Martin Gilbert *The Power of Words* plate 44)

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Answer to Question12:

Winston Churchill

(Violet Bonham Carter *Winston Churchill As I Knew Him*, Reprint Society 1965 page 92)

The *Daily News* lobby correspondent Henry William Massingham (1860-1924) was later the editor of *The Nation*.

Massingham also wrote the Introduction to Churchill's collection of early speeches between 1906 and 1909 *Liberalism and the Social Problem*, first published in 1909.

From Massingham's Introduction:

A word as to the literary quality of these addresses...The summit of a man's powers — his full capacity of reason, comparison, expression — are not usually reached at so early a point in his career as that which Mr. Churchill has attained. But in directness and clearness of thought, in the power to build up a political theory, and present it as an impressive and convincing argument, in the force of rhetoric and the power of sympathy, readers of these addresses will find few examples of modern English speech-making to compare with them.

They revive the almost forgotten art of oratory...

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Answer to Question13:

Blenheim Palace

The research on *Marlborough* was ‘dictated in the Arcade Rooms beneath the Long Library’, the research conducted during ‘many hours in the windowless strongroom’ that is the Palace’s muniment room.

(Source: Ashley Jackson *Churchill* pages 19 & 20)

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Answer to Question14:

Harry Hopkins

(Source: Henry Adams *Harry Hopkins: A Biography* page 368)

The unabridged text of the cable sent by Harry Hopkins to Winston Churchill on December 21, 1944:

DEAR WINSTON: I WANT YOU TO KNOW, ON THIS FATEFUL CHRISTMAS, THAT I AM WELL AWARE OF THE HEAVY BURDENS YOU CARRY. SINCE OUR FIRST MEETING I HAVE TRIED TO SHARE THEM WITH YOU. I WOULD SHARE THEM NOW.

THE RAGING BATTLE AND THE OVERHANGING CLOUDS ARE THE PRELUDE TO A SURE AND GLORIOUS VICTORY FOR US. WHAT A GALLANT ROLE YOU PLAY IN THE GREATEST DRAMA IN THE WORLD'S HISTORY. NO ONE KNOWS BETTER THAN I.

THERE ARE SOME OF MY COUNTRYMEN WHO WOULD DESTROY ME BY THE ASSERTION THAT I AM YOUR GOOD FRIEND. ALL I CAN SAY IS THAT I AM EVER SO PROUD THAT IT IS SO.

AND YOU WILL KNOW WITH WHAT AFFECTION LOUIE AND I SEND YOU AND CLEMMIE OUR WARMEST CHRISTMAS GREETNGS

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Answer to Question15:

Harry Hopkins



Harry Hopkins, Brendan Bracken and Winston Churchill at 10 Downing Street on January 10, 1941.

(Martin Gilbert *Churchill: A Life* plate #94)

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Answer to Question16:

Winston Churchill

Source: Chris Wrigley *Winston Churchill a biographical companion*
page 65

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Answer to Question17:

South Africa

(Martin Gilbert *Churchill The Power of Words* plate 3. The photo was taken in Bloemfontein in May 1900)

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Answer to Question18:

Churchill addressing the Canadian Senate and House of Commons at Ottawa, broadcast to the world, December 30, 1941.

This speech/broadcast is long-remembered for the following remark:

When I warned them [the French generals] that Britain would fight on alone whatever they did, their generals told their Prime Minister and his divided Cabinet: “In three weeks England will have her neck wrung like a chicken.”

This was followed by a theatrical pause — then:

“Some chicken — some neck”

The Canadian senators and MPs exploded in laughter.

(*The Unrelenting Struggle*, Cassell edition page 345, Little Brown edition page 367)

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Answer to Question19:

The reading of books

Extract from *Hobbies*:

‘What shall I do with all my books?’ was the question; and the answer, ‘Read them’ sobered the questioner. But if you cannot read then, at any rate handle them and, as it were, fondle them. Peer into them. Let them fall open where they will. Read on from the first sentence that arrests the eye. Then turn to another. Make a voyage of discovery, taking soundings of uncharted seas. Set them back on their shelves with your own hands. Arrange them on your own plan, so that if you do not know what is in them, you at least know where they are. If they cannot be your friends, let them at any rate be your acquaintances. If they cannot enter the circle of your life, do not deny the at least a nod of recognition.

(*Thoughts and Adventures* Norton edition 1991, page 219. *Amid These Storms* in America)

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Answer to Question20:

Churchill's support for King Edward VIII, prior to the King's abdication in 1937.

Arms and the Covenant, published in 1938, is the UK title of the book compiled by Churchill's son Randolph — forty Churchill speeches between October 1928 and May 1938. In America the title was *While England Slept, A Summary of World Affairs*, also published in 1938 (Cohen vol I, pp 491-5).

On May 18, 1937, the day following the Coronation, King George VI wrote to Churchill in his own hand:

My dear Mr. Churchill,

I am writing to thank you for your very nice letter to me. I know how devoted you have been, and still are, to my dear brother, and I feel touched beyond words by your sympathy and understanding in the very difficult problems that have arisen since he left us in December. I fully realise the great responsibilities and cares that I have taken on as King, and I feel most encouraged to receive your good wishes, as one of our great statesmen, and from one who has served his country so faithfully. I can only hope and trust that the good feeling and hope that exists in the Country and Empire now will prove a good example to other nations in the world.

Believe me,

Yours very sincerely,

GEORGE R. I.

Churchill noted: 'This gesture of magnanimity towards one whose influence at that time had fallen to zero will ever be a cherished experience in my life.'(Churchill *The Second World War* volume I, Cassell edition, page 172, Houghton Mifflin edition pages 219-20)

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Answer to Question21:

Gandhi

Sources:

- Robert Rhodes James *Winston S. Churchill, His Complete Speeches* Volume V page 4967.
- *India, Defending the Jewel in the Crown*, page 74 (the 1990 reprint of the original 1931 publication)

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Answer to Question22:

1925

(The April 28, 1925 Budget — Robert Rhodes James *Winston S. Churchill, His Complete Speeches* Volume IV page 3556)

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Answer to Question23:

October 1939

In this broadcast Churchill made the well-known observation:

‘It was for Hitler to say when the war would begin; but it is not for him or for his successors to say when it will end. It began when he wanted it, and it will end only when we are convinced that he has had enough.’

(Into Battle, pages 133-4. Blood, Sweat and Tears: Putnam edition page 176, McClelland and Stewart edition, page 209)

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Answer to Question24:

Queen Elizabeth II

Source: obituary of WSC by Anthony Lewis in the Sunday, January 24, 1965 issue of the *New York Times*.

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