

CLASSIFIED: BRIEFING FOR STUDENTS

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A competition on Sir Winston Churchill's legacy 150 years after he was born.

The UK's wartime Prime Minister, Sir Winston Churchill, was born 150 years ago, on 30 November 1874. To mark this milestone [Learn About Britain](#) is running a special competition for school students like you on Churchill's life and legacy.

Prize winners, runners up and their teachers will be invited to an educational day in London next spring when they will be invited to an event in Parliament where winning entries will be showcased, with travel and food costs covered by Learn About Britain. Their work will also be featured on our website and social media sites while winning entrants will receive prizes of vouchers worth £50.

To enter, we ask you to respond to the following question:

"150 years after he was born, what are your reflections on the life and legacy of Sir Winston Churchill?"

We will accept entries in the form of **essays of up to 1000 words, short films of up to 3 minutes in length or single pieces of artwork.** Entries must be submitted to us by **5pm on Friday 14 February 2025** with **winners announced in early March 2025** and the **educational day/Parliamentary event to take place in April 2025.**

Competition judges will include:

- **Aneeta Prem MBE**, human rights campaigner and Learn About Britain Co-Chair
- **Sir Peter Riddell**, former Director of the Institute for Government and Learn About Britain Co-Chair
- **Dr Adrian Bingham**, Professor of British History at Sheffield University
- **Lady Esther Gilbert**, curator of [martingilbert.com](#), a repository of the work of Churchill's biographer, Sir Martin Gilbert
- **Dr Howard Williamson CVO CBE**, Professor of European Youth Policy, University of South Wales
- **Paul Phillips OBE**, Joint President of the Holocaust Educational Trust

Our panel will be looking for **thoughtful, nuanced** entries which meet our organisational commitment to **balance and honesty.** To help you answer our question, we have produced a set of lesson plans for your school with short films accompanying each lesson. You can access the films directly on our [YouTube page](#).

We particularly recommend watching [our film on Churchill's legacy](#) which explores some important questions which may help you think about your entry:

- How did Britain change under Churchill's leadership?
- What would our lives look like today if Churchill hadn't come to power?
- In leading a war against an enemy like Nazi Germany as Churchill did, is it justified to sacrifice people's lives in order to defeat your enemy?
- What is the legacy of the British Empire, which Churchill loved so much?
- Should we judge historical figures by modern moral standards? Can people who held views or did things we might condemn today be considered heroes?

All participating students will receive a thank you letter sent to their school.

For more information, visit [our website](#) or [get in touch](#).