Chartwell Bulletin #105, Churchill Quiz, 2017 Q1.

There are 24 questions in each Churchill Quiz—four questions in six categories:

- 1. Contemporaries
- 2. Literary matters
- 3. Miscellaneous
- 4. Personal details
- 5. Statesmanship
- 6. War

The sequence of questions is based on the order of difficulty—starting with relatively easy questions, becoming progressively more difficult.

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START OF THE QUIZ

Question 1

July 16, 1945: Churchill wrote: "I went down to the bottom and saw the room in which he and his mistress had committed suicide, and when we came up again they showed us the place where his body had been burned." Whose body?



THE GRAVE OF THE THIRD REICH.

Churchill visited Hitler's air-raid shelter on July 16, 1945. "I went down to the bottom and saw the room in which he and his mistress had committed suicide. When we came up again they showed us the place where his body had been burned."

(Winston Churchill *The Second World War*, Chartwell edition, Vol 6. The above pic faces page 484. The text is on page 473.)

Who was Churchill keen to meet when he travelled to Placentia Bay, Newfoundland, in August 1941?

The answer to question 2

President Franklin Roosevelt



The President and Mrs Roosevelt returning to the White House after his third inaugural, January 20, 1941.

(Joseph P. Lash *Roosevelt and Churchill 1939-1941*. *The Partnership that saved the West*, pic #13)

Who told Churchill on 13 August 1942 in Moscow: "I do not understand the words, but by God I like your spirit."?

The Answer to question 3

Stalin.

Churchill had told him: "I have come round Europe in the midst of my troubles—yes, Mr Stalin, I have my troubles as well as you—hoping to meet the hand of comradeship; and I am bitterly disappointed. I have not found that hand."

(David Dilks, editor, *The Diaries of Sir Alexander Cadogan, 1938-1945* page 471)

Name some of Churchill's London addresses.

- 105 Mount Street,
- 12 Bolton Street
- 33 Eccleston Square
- 2 Sussex Square
- 11 Morpeth Mansions
- 28 Hyde Park Gate

Churchill was Chancellor of which university from 1929 to 1965?

Bristol University, from 1929 until his death in 1965. He was a stalwart supporter of the University and the City of Bristol.

When did WSC address the crowds in Whitehall with these words?

"This is your victory! It is the victory of the cause of freedom in every land. In all our long history we have never seen a greater day than this."

8 May 1945 (later known as VE Day—Victory-in-Europe Day.)

(Victory, the sixth volume of Winston Churchill's war speeches, page 129.)

In an article in the *News of the World* in May 1938 WSC wrote: "Collaboration of the _____ threatens no one. It might safeguard all."

Supply the three words which Churchill used in this article.

The English-speaking Peoples

(For a longer version of this newspaper article, see Martin Gilbert's *The Churchill Documents*, volume 13, page 1004, footnote 1.)

Which country has no less than eight rivers, lakes, peaks, waterfalls, towns etc. named Churchill?

Answer to Question 8

Canada

- 1. Churchill river, Manitoba
- 2. Churchill river, Newfoundland
- 3. Churchill town, Manitoba
- 4. Cape Churchill, Manitoba
- 5. Churchill Falls, Newfoundland
- 6. Lake Churchill, Saskatchewan
- 7. Churchill Peak, British Columbia
- 8. Churchill Sound, Québec

In which year was Churchill knighted?

In 1953, by Queen Elizabeth. He had been offered a knighthood by King George VI in 1945, but he declined it because he had been booted out of office at the 1945 General Election

Where and when did Churchill end a speech with these words:

My heart goes out to the Cockneys. Any visitors we may happen to have here to-day—and Many great nations are represented here, by all those who have borne arms with us in the struggle—they echo what I say when I say "GOOD OLD LONDON!"...

In every capital of the victorious world there are rejoicings to-night, but in none is there any lack of respect for the part which London has played.

I return my hearty thanks to you for never having failed in the long, monotonous days, and in the long nights black as hell.

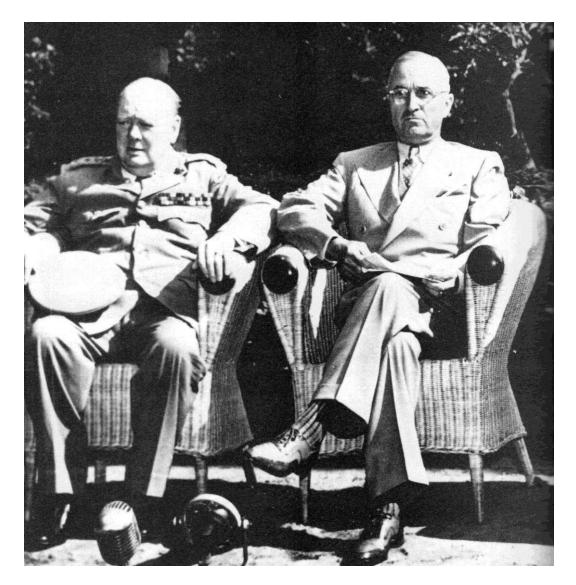
God bless you all. May you long remain as citizens of a great and splendid city. May you long remain as the heart of the British Empire.

Answer to Question 10

On May 9, 1945, from the balcony of the Ministry of Health building.

(Victory, the Sixth Volume of Churchill's War Speeches, pages 129-30)

Give the year, month and location for this photo of Churchill and President Truman?



Answer to Question 11

This pic was taken in July 1945, when Churchill, Truman and Stalin met at Potsdam, Germany.

(David McCullough Truman between pages 288 and 290)

Give the month and year when Churchill made these prescient remarks?

If mortal catastrophe should overtake the British nation and the British Empire, historians a thousand years hence will still be baffled by the mystery of our affairs. They will never understand how it was that a victorious nation, with everything in hand, suffered themselves to be brought low, and to cast away all that they had gained by measureless sacrifice and absolute victory—gone with the wind!

Now the victors are the vanquished, and those who threw down their arms in the field and sued for an armistice are striding on to world mastery.

(Winston Churchill Arms and the Covenant page 465)

Answer to Question 12

March 24, 1938 in the House of Commons.

Name the book in which Churchill recounted the following story:

On the first day at his first prep school (editorial note: St. George's School, Ascot, in 1882). The Form Master gave Winston a book: "You have never done any Latin before, have you?"

"No, Sir."

"This is a Latin grammar... You must learn these lines. I will come back in half an hour, and see what you know."

Behold me then, on a gloomy evening, with an aching heart, seated in front of the First Declension:

Mensa	a table
Mensa	O table
Mensam	a table
Mensae	of a table
Mensae	to or for a table
Mensa,	by, with or from a table

"What does it mean, Sir?"

"It means what it says, Mensa, a table. Mensa is a noun of the First Declension."

"But," I repeated, "What does it mean?"

"Mensa means a table" he answered.

"Then why does Mensa also mean O table?" I enquired

"Mensa, O Table, is the vocative case," he replied.

"But why O table?" I persisted in genuine curiosity.

"O table —you would use it in addressing a table, in invoking a table— You would use it when speaking to a table."

"But I never do." I blurted out in honest amazement.

"If you are impertinent, you will be punished, and punished, let me tell you, very severely." was his conclusive rejoinder.

Such was my first introduction to the Classics from which, I have been told, many of our cleverest men have derived so much solace and profit.

See the Answer to Question 13

(*My Early Life*, pages 25-6 in the first edition and pages 11-12 in the 1941 Scribner's edition of *A Roving Commission* (the title of *My Early Life* in the American market.)

Where did WSC make 'all kinds of rockeries and waterworks' in the 1930s?

See the Answer to Question 14

At his home *Chartwell*, in Kent.

(Winston Churchill *The Second World War* volume I page 62)

In which year did Churchill, in a BBC broadcast, say:

"We are fighting by ourselves alone; but we are not fighting for ourselves alone. Here in this strong City of Refuge which enshrines the title-deeds of human progress and is of deep consequence to Christian civilisation; here, girt about by the seas and oceans where the Navy reigns; shielded from above by the prowess and devotion of our airmen — we await the impending assault. Perhaps it will come tonight, Perhaps it will come next week. Perhaps it will never come. We must show ourselves equally capable of meeting a sudden violent shock, or what is perhaps a harder test, a prolonged vigil. But be the ordeal sharp or long, or both, we shall seek no terms, we shall tolerate no parley; we may show mercy—we shall ask for none."?

See the answer to Question 15

14 July 1940

(pages 248-49 in *Into Battle*, first edition, and pages 334-35 in the Putnam edition of *Blood*, *Sweat and Tears*)

Churchill first exhibited his paintings in January 1921, at the Galérie Druet in Paris. What pseudonym did he use?

See the answer to Question 16

Charles Morin

(Mary Soames Winston Churchill, His Life as a Painter page 38)

Give the date for Churchill's speech with the words:

"I have myself full confidence that, if all do their duty,...we shall prove ourselves once again able to defend our Island home, to ride out the storm of war, and to outlive the menace of tyranny, if necessary for years, if necessary alone".

June 4, 1940

(Winston Churchill Into Battle first edition, page 222)

In which year did Churchill pass out of Sandhurst?

December 1894. He passed out of Sandhurst with honours — eighth in his batch of 150. He was commissioned in the 4th Hussars at Aldershot.

In one of his speeches Churchill said:

"Broadly speaking, short words are best, and the—words, when short, are the best of all."

Fill in the missing word.

The missing word is 'old'

(On receiving the London *Times* Literary Award, in Grosvenor House, London, on November 2, 1949. Robert Rhodes James *Complete Speeches*, volume VII, page 7884.)

Nelson in 1806, Pitt the Younger in 1806, Wellington in 1852, Gladstone in 1898 and Churchill in 1965. What is the link?

They were all commoners who were accorded a state funeral.

(editorial note: Nelson died in 1805, but his funeral was on January 8, 1806 (ODNB) Pitt the Younger's lying-in-state was on February 22, 1806.)

In which year did WSC write:

"Might not a bomb no bigger than an orange be found to possess a secret power to destroy a whole block of buildings—nay, to concentrate the force of a thousand tons of cordite and blast a township at a stroke?"

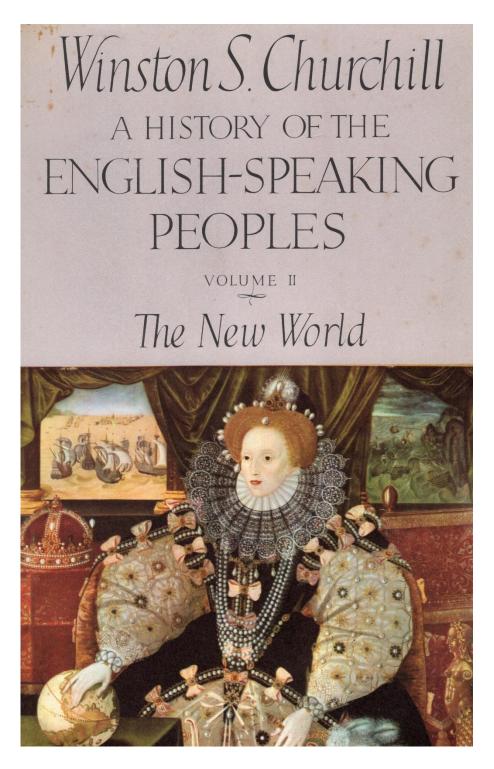
In 1924, in his article *Shall We All Commit Suicide?*, republished in *Thoughts and Adventures* in 1932.

(The title of *Thoughts and Adventures* was *Amid These Storms* when published in America .)

In which famous speech did WSC quote Bourke Cockran's observation:

"The earth is a generous mother: she will provide in plentiful abundance food for all her children, if they will cultivate her soil in justice and in peace."?

Answer to Question 22



This famous painting of Queen Elizabeth the First is at Woburn Abbey.

What is the name of the painting?

The Answer to Question 22

The Iron Curtain speech at Westminster College, Fulton, Missouri, on 5 March 1946.

(Republished in *The Sinews of Peace*, post-war speeches by Winston Churchill.)

Go to Question 23

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The Prefaces for four of Churchill's books are all dated August 13.

Which are these books?

See the Answer to Question 23

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The four Marlborough volumes: 1933, 1934, 1936 and 1938.

August 13 was the anniversary of the Battle of Blenheim, 1704.

Go to Question 24

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In which year did Churchill use these words in a BBC broadcast:

"This wicked man, the repository and embodiment of many forms of soul-destroying hatred, this monstrous product of former wrongs and shame, has now resolved to break our famous island race by a process of indiscriminate slaughter and destruction. What he has done is to kindle a fire in British hearts, here and all over the world, which will glow long after all traces of the conflagration he has caused in London have been removed. He has lighted a fire which will burn with a steady and consuming flame until the last vestiges of Nazi tyranny have been burnt out of Europe, and until the Old World—and the New—can join hands to rebuild the temples of man's freedom and man's honour, upon foundations which will not soon or easily be overthrown."?

See the Answer to Question 24

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Churchill's BBC broadcast on 11 September 1940, at the height of the Blitz.

(*Into Battle*, page 274 (in the Book Society edition) and *Blood*, *Sweat & Tears* page 369 in the American Putnam edition.)

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