

HISTORY A-LEVEL TRANSITION WORK

1. READ

Contextual details: [Microsoft Word - 3A1A55AC8C967FCAEEE4B84A6F97AA9A.docx \(lfatsf.org.uk\)](#)

SOURCE: Winston Churchill speech. The Stadium, Liverpool on October 2nd 1951

It was a fine legacy that they inherited when they took over in 1945. All our enemies had surrendered or were about to surrender. We stood at the pinnacle of worldly renown. All over the world our friends saluted us as the one solid, enduring champion of freedom, ready to stand alone, starting from the first day, and ending in full strength, on the last. But our vanquished foes, they also regarded us with a strange admiration. We alone had never hesitated to stake our life on freedom. We had never faltered in the year of darkest peril. We had given all we had freely and without stint from first to last.

Very different will be the inheritance which it may be our duty to take over from Mr. Attlee and his friends in a few weeks' time. But we do not fear it. We have not lost faith in our race and in our destiny. We are the same people, in the same island, as we were in the great days we can all remember. Never shall we lose our faith and courage, and never shall we fail in exertion and resolve.

Consider the provenance as well as the key messages contained within this source. Apply contextual knowledge too (follow the link).

THINK: *What is this source suggesting about Britain's position in relation to foreign policy?*

2. 'LISTEN OR WATCH'

Watch: [Churchill In The USA \(1952\) - YouTube](#)

Listen: [The Presidents & Prime Ministers - Podcast \(globalplayer.com\)](#)

3. QUESTION

'Winston Churchill was more interested in playing the role of world statesman than the role of prime minister between 1951 and 1955.' Assess the validity of this view.

4. 'TRY'

Write a side of A4 answering the question above applying all that you have learnt in stages 1 and 2. You can also carry out additional research.

Bring this piece of work with you to your first lesson in September.