

Sir Winston Churchill: A Chronology

Personal

1874	Born, 30 November, eldest son of Rt. Hon. Lord Randolph Churchill, 3rd son of 7th Duke of Marlborough, and Jennie Jerome.
1888-93	Attendance at Harrow School
1893-94	Cavalry cadet at Sandhurst Royal Military Academy
1895	Death of Lord Randolph Churchill, 24 January
1904	Moved from Conservative Party to Liberal Party, 31 May
1907	Became Privy Councillor, 1 May
1908	Married, 12 September, to Clementine, daughter of Sir Henry Hozier and Lady Blanche (née Ogilvy)
1922	Bought Chartwell Manor, Kent
1924	Returned to Conservative Party from Liberal Party
1931	Lecture tour in the United States
1940-45	Prime Minister, First Lord of the Treasury and Minister of Defence

1946 "Iron Curtain" Speech, Fulton, Missouri, 5 March

1951-55 Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury

1953 Awarded Nobel Prize for Literature

1965 Died, 24 January

Military Career

1895 Commissioned, 20 February, as Second Lieutenant, 4th Hussars. Served with Spanish forces in Cuba (1st Class [Spanish] Order of Military Merit)

1897 Malakand Field Force, 31st Punjab Infantry (despatches, medal with clasp)

1898 Orderly officer to Sir W. Lockhart with Tirah Expeditionary Force (clasp). Served, attached 21st Lancers with Nile Expeditionary force, present at Battle of Khartoum (medal, with clasp)

1899-1900 Acted as correspondent Morning Post South Africa; taken prisoner, but escaped; served as Lieutenant South African Light Horse; present at actions of Acton Homes, Venter's Spruit, Hussar Hill, Cingolo, Monte Cristo, and at battles of Spion Kop, Vaal Krantz, and Pieters, and at engagements of Johannesburg and Diamond Hill, and capture of Pretoria (medal with six clasps).

1900 Retired from Regular Army

1901	Commissioned as Captain, Queen's Own Oxfordshire Hussars, Territorial Army
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1905	April, Promoted Major, and appointed in command of the Henley Squadron of the Queens' Own Oxfordshire Hussars, Territorial Army
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1915-16	served western front with Grenadier Guards; appointed Lieutenant-Colonel, commanding 6th Battalion Royal Scots Fusiliers, France (medals)
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Sept 1916	Transferred to Territorial Reserves of Officers
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July 1924	Awarded Territorial Decoration, resigned from Territorial Army
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Parliamentary Career

1899	Contested Oldham (Conservative)
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1900-04	M.P. Oldham (Conservative)
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1904-06	M.P. Oldham (Liberal)
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1906-08	M.P. Manchester N.W. (Liberal)
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1908-22	M.P. Dundee (Liberal)
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1924-45	M.P. Epping Div. of Essex (Conservative)
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1945-64 M.P. Woodford (Conservative)

Ministerial Offices

Dec 1905 - Apr 1908 Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies

Apr 1908 - Feb 1910 President of the Board of Trade

Feb 1910 - Oct 1911 Home Secretary

Oct 1911 - May 1915 First Lord of the Admiralty

May 1915 - Nov 1915 Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster

Jul 1917 - Jan 1919 Minister of Munitions

Jan 1919 - Feb 1921 Secretary of State for War (and Air till Apr 1921)

Feb 1921 - Oct 1922 Secretary of State for the Colonies

Nov 1924 - Jun 1929 Chancellor of the Exchequer

Sep 1939 - May 1940 First Lord of the Admiralty

May 1940 - Jul 1945 Prime Minister, First Lord of the Treasury and Minister of Defence

Jul 1945 - Oct 1951 Leader of the Opposition

Oct 1951 - Apr 1955 Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury (also Minister of
Defence Oct 1951 - Jan 1952)