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WINSTON CHURCHILL

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When thinking of heroes during the World War II, there were soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines who were recognized with the Medal of Honor. Those people had contributed, influenced and changed the world. Several key men were powerful and influential e.g. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Winston Churchill, Lee Marvin, Oliver Stone, Ted Williams and etc. Among the people who really made a difference in improving the world was Winston Churchill. He was called “the unexpected hero.”¹

Winston Churchill was born in Blenheim Palace in England on November 30, 1874. His mother, Jennie Jerome, was the daughter of Leonard Jerome, a New York businessman and his father was Lord Randolph Churchill, a famous politician.² Though he was not good in studying, his strength was language. He also had special interest in military. He finally entered the Royal Military College at Sandhurst³ after three times entrance examination. After graduation, he had joined military operations field reporting. He went to South Africa to write a report about the “Boer War”. While in transit in South

¹ Addison, Paul. *CHURCHILL the unexpected hero*. 2005. p.169-170.

² Wikipedia contributors. “Winston Churchill.” *Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia*. 11 February, 2012. <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Winston_Churchill>

³ Muller, James W. “The Education of Winston Churchill.” *The Churchill Center and Museum at the Churchill War Rooms, London*. 23 July. 2009. <<http://www.winstonchurchill.org/learn/biography/the-child/the-education-of-Winston-Churchill>>

Africa, his train was attacked by the Boer and he was put in prison. He escaped from prison and became a national hero upon his return to England. He ran and was elected to Parliament on the Conservative Party. He had moved through several increasingly important government jobs and entered the Cabinet as president of the board of trade. This was the start of his long journey in the political path.⁴

It was interesting indeed when going through Winston Churchill's bibliography. His entire life was dealt with war and politics. The most outstanding ability was to make the speech to persuade people to follow him. One example was during the World War I, he held the position of the Minister of Navy. Europe was divided to 2 sides at that time. One side consisted of England, France and Russia which was called "Coalition" and other combined Germany, Austria and Italy. Winston Churchill suggested his plan for a new war front in the Dardanelles to the British government's War Council. No one agreed with his plan. However, he was able to make the speech until the War Council agreed to the plan. Winston Churchill proposed the plan to ashore the troop. The British attacked the Turkish forts at the Dardanelles. However, the failure of the plan made him move to the post of Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster. He was unhappy as he had no power to influence the Government's war policy.⁵ After the war, Winston Churchill went back to join the government. He had been in several important positions. Two of them were Minister of Finance following his father and Minister of Navy, his previous position held during the last 25 years.

⁴ Murrow, Edward R. "Winston Churchill." *United States History*. 1954. <<http://www.u-s-history.com/pages/h1726.html>>

⁵ Simkin, John. "Winston Churchill." *Spartacus Educational on Facebook*. September, 1997. <<http://www.spartacus.schoolnet.co.uk/author.htm>>

Talking about Winston Churchill's most important contribution that made the positive difference to humanity, it was to inspire and motivate the British people to fight against Nazi troop. Without his leadership, courage and determination, British would be attacked and under the control of Nazi. The below was the elaboration of how Winston Churchill inspired the British during the difficult time.

In the World War II, he was the Prime Minister of England. During that time, England stood alone to resist Germany. With the courage and fighting spirit of Churchill including his persuasive ability, Churchill's contribution was to instill in the British people's will to resist Germany. His speeches proved an inspiration. Churchill did more than just talk. He toured the country inspecting the bomb-damaged towns and cities. He also worked tirelessly on diplomatic and military initiatives to regain the offensive.⁶ In the worst moments of 1940, Nazi troop looked invincible as it swept through Europe. The whole continental Europe was under the control of Nazi. Churchill inspired British to keep alive the fight against the tyranny of Hitler's Germany. Churchill knew best that winning or losing the war was depended on his people. In his first speech as Prime Minister on May13, 1940, he made his aims very clearly and was able to inspire the British people to greater effort by making public broadcasts on several occasions.⁷ His excellent and meaningful orator which was his strength had convinced and encouraged the British people to stand up and fight with Germany. The symbol of lifting up two fingers, V sign was the symbol of "Victory"  and Victory at whatever the cost.⁸

⁶ Kinvig, Clifford. *Churchill Crusade, The British Invasion of Russia, 1918 – 1920*. 2006 p. 373.

⁷ Liukkonen, Petri. "Who's Who - Sir Winston Churchill." *Authors' Calendar*. August 22, 2009. <<http://www.firstworldwar.com/bio/churchill.htm>>

⁸ Nicholas, Herbert G. "Winston Churchill Biography." *Bio True Story*

Churchill was the first one who used this symbol in order to remind the British to be patient until winning the war - no matter how long it would be and how hard they had to work on. Churchill fought on behalf of mankind until Nazi surrendered unconditionally.

The story of Winston Churchill was an illustration of how to select the leader during the state of emergency where a leader required to be firm, forceful, bright and full of vision. Winston Churchill was the right choice of leader in that situation. It was not easy to lead the country to overcome, fight the war and defeat the enemy. Winston Churchill was a political leader who had a global mission, a clear sense of national and imperial dignity, a man with understanding of international affairs and a man with determination.⁹ He was a good example of the proactive leader and a confidence builder to the people of Britain. His famous quote ever on never giving up encouraged and inspired all people in the world to be strong and brave.¹⁰ He was truly as good example of hero who contributed to mankind, a hero which should be in the heart of all British people.

⁹ Nicholas, Herbert G. "Sir Winston Churchill." *Encyclopedia Britannica online*.
<<http://www.britannica.com/Ebchecked/topic/117269/Sir-Winston-Churchill>>

¹⁰ InspirationalSpark contributor. "Not Giving Up Quotes and Never Give Up Quotations."
InspirationalSpark.com. <<http://www.inspirationalspark.com/not-giving-up-quotes.html>>