

Winston Churchill



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Icon

He is an icon mostly because of his diverse skills. Churchill was one of the longest-serving politicians, Nobel Prize-winning writer, historical and a prolific painter. Winston was a British prime minister from 1940 to 1945 and from 1951 to 1955. In 2002 he has been recognised as the greatest Briton of all time by BBC.



History

Winston Churchill was a British prime minister, who was in charge during World War II. In his younger age he served in army (4th Queen's Own Hussar Regiment) in India, where he suffered from arm injury. In 1899 he got into politics and took part in the elections being a part of the Conservative Party. During the second civil war in South Africa he was a war correspondent, when the train he was travelling in got ambushed he helped to get it back on track and got wounded himself. Later on, he supported Edward VIII in his conflict with Stanley Baldwin. When the King abdicated he found himself in a political isolation. He was the first politic who was against the appeasement policy. He became the prime minister in 1940.

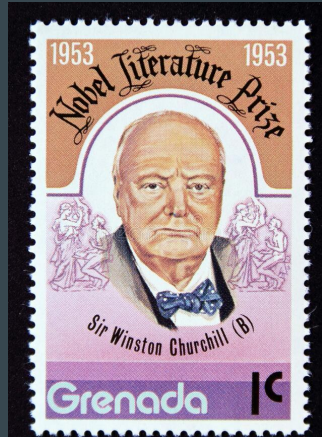
Art

He started painting in 1916. He was mainly creating idyllic views and landscapes inspired by places which he saw. In 1921 Churchill sent 5 of his paintings to exhibition in Paris. His nickname was Charles Morin. In 1943 he gave “the mosque of booksellers in Marrakesh” to Franklin Delano Roosevelt (president of United States). In 2011 this painting was issued for auction in New Orleans for 3 million dollars.



Literature

At the beginning Churchill was writing books to earn some money. His work can be divided into 3 groups: history of his family, autobiography and historical studies, for example *The World Crisis*. Winston won his Nobel Prize in 1953, mainly for his historical books which included perfect descriptions of history and biography.



Politics

During World War II, Winston and Great Britain were in the worst situation in the USSR-US-UK negotiations, because Stalin didn't have Churchill's trust, unlike Roosevelt's, since Great Britain was dependending on American support he had to agree with Stalin. After the war he was the author of the "Iron Curtain", in order to minimise communist influence on Europe.



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