

## **Sir Winston Churchill: The greatest Briton?**

### **1915 Resignation and disgrace: video transcript**

As a member of the Cabinet he tried to play his part in the whole conduct of the war. Against determined opposition from his colleagues and advisors he decided that the Dardanelles were the back door to victory. The Expedition was sent. Success would have destroyed Turkey, perhaps kept Russia fighting in the north. Two years of unnecessary war might have been avoided. But the support he wanted was not given to the men ashore. It ended in heroic and costly disaster. It cast a shadow over Churchill's name. He had still to learn the hard lesson of war that sound plans and high courage are of no use without the resolve and the power to see them through.

### **Extract from BBC obituary of Churchill narrated by Richard Dimbleby**