



MARGARET THATCHER

THE PRIME MINISTER THAT MATTERED



WEEK ONE: ABOVE THE SHOP

VERY HUMBLE BEGINNINGS

GRANTHAM, ENGLAND

THE MIDLANDS

- 112 MILES NORTH OF LONDON
- THE CENTRE OF ENGLAND
- THE INDUSTRIAL HEARTLAND
- UK POLL: “OUR MOST BORING TOWN”

MAP SHOWING GRANTHAM



A LOWER MIDDLE CLASS LIFE

WORK-SCHOOL-CHURCH

- ROBERT'S GROCERY STORE(S)
- METHODIST BELIEFS
- THRIFT
- HARD WORK
- CHARITY

PHOTO OF THE STORE



THE EARLY YEARS

THE ROBERTS FAMILY

- MARGARET IS BORN 13 OCTOBER 1925
- FATHER IS A LAY PREACHER
- MOTHER IS WITHDRAWN
- OLDER SISTER LACKS MARGARET'S DRIVE

LITTLE TIME FOR IDLE PURSUITS

- THE SHOP IS OPEN SIX DAYS A WEEK
- SUNDAY IS DEVOTED TO CHURCH
- NO INDOOR TOILETS
- NO CAR
- SKIMPING AND SAVING

HER FATHER'S PHILOSOPHIES:

- “IT IS EASY TO BE A STARTER, BUT ARE YOU A STICKER TOO?”
- IT’S EASY ENOUGH TO BEGIN A JOB, IT’S HARDER TO SEE IT THROUGH!”
- SOURCE: Thatcher, Margaret. Margaret Thatcher – The Downing Street Years (MTTDSY). Harper/Collins. NY. 1993. p. 17.

BRITAIN OF HER YOUTH

RECOVERING FROM WORLD
WAR 1

- UNEMPLOYED
VETERANS
- HUGE WAR COSTS
- MONARCHY IN
TRANSITION
- A WORLD OF RAPID
CHANGES

KING GEORGE V REIGNS:
06 MAY 1910 TO 20 JUNE 1936



EMERGING CHALLENGES

UPSETTING THE OLD ORDER

- SOCIALISM
- COMMUNISM
- FASCISM
- IRISH REPUBLICANISM
- AMERICAN INFLUENCE IS INCREASING

THESE WOULD IMPACT
MARGARET'S FUTURE



YOUNG MARGARET ROBERTS

THE SCHOOLGIRL

- WONDERS WHAT ELSE IS OUT THERE
- WORRY OVER APPEARANCE
- DESCRIBED AS IRRITATING
- NOT WIDELY POPULAR

SHE OUTGROWS GRANTHAM

- WORLD WAR II OPENS UP OPPORTUNITIES
- MAJOR U.S. MILITARY PRESENCE NEARBY
- A LIFE BEYOND THE FAMILIAR ROUTINES



THE GAME CHANGER:

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP

OXFORD UNIVERSITY



SOMERVILLE COLLEGE STUDENT

THE FIRST FAMILY UNIVERISTY
STUDENT

- INTELLECTUAL
CURIOSITY
- SNUBBED BY LIBERALS
- PINCHING PENNIES
- FACTS MATTER IN
CHEMISTRY AND
LATER LIFE
- PROUDER OF DEGREE
THAN BEING PM!

THE CHEMISTRY STUDENT IN
THE LAB



THE OXFORD EXPERIENCE

LIBERAL OXFORD

- MARGARET IS OUT OF SYNC
- POORER THAN MOST STUDENTS
- NOT POPULAR
- A GRINDER
- FORTHRIGHT VIEWS

RESPECTS KNOWLEDGE

- GRAVITATING TOWARDS OLDER MEN
- SELF-IMPROVEMENT
- VALUES SUBSTANCE
- RESPECTS KNOWLEDGE



OXFORD LIBERALS:

“CONSERVATIVISM IS A MENTAL DEFECT”

ASSESSMENT OF MARGARET

- From The President of Somerville College:
- “She always stood out...Somerville had always been a radical establishment and there weren't many Conservatives about then...she was set as steel as a Conservative...we used to entertain a great deal at weekends, but she didn't get invited. She had nothing to contribute, you see.”
- Source: Wapshot, Nicholas; Brock, George. Thatcher. McDonald. 1983. p.46.

MEN CENTRAL TO HER LIFE

ROBERT HENDERSON - THE MAN SHE LOVED

- TWENTY FOUR YEARS
HER SENIOR
- A PRACTICING
DOCTOR
- HE NEVER COURTED
HER
- REMAINED IN CONTACT
LATER IN LIFE

DENIS THATCHER – THE MAN SHE MARRIED

- WORLD WAR II
OFFICER
- MARRIED 1942-1948
- OLDER THAN SHE
- ADMIRES HER
“POWERFUL MIND AND
CHARACTER”

THEY MARRY: 13 DEC 1951



WHAT DOES DENIS BRING?

- RESPECTIBILITY
- MONEY
- BUSINESS EXPERIENCE
- A FAITHFUL LIFE PARTNER
- REALISTIC VIEWS OF THE WORLD
- **HE ACCEPTS HER POLITICAL AMBITIONS!**

GRAVITATING TO THE LAW

- PASSING BAR FINALS 01 DEC 1953
- CALLED TO THE BAR FOLLOWING YEAR
- A PUPIL AT LINCOLN'S INN
- “DILIGENT, QUICK ON THE UPTAKE, A FEELING FOR THE LAW”
- ACCURATE AND METICULOUS IN HER LAW WORK
- **“THE LAW DISTINGUISHES FREE FROM UNFREE SOCIETIES”**

LAW TRAINING

LEARNING HOW TO THINK

- DEVELOPING A SECOND SKILLS SET
- THINKING LIKE A BARRISTER
- DETAILS AND NUANCES MATTER

BASIS OF FUTURE BELIEFS

- RULE OF LAW IS FOUNDATION OF POLITICS
- COLLECTIVISM THREATENS FREEDOM
- A FREE SOCIETY MADE BRITAIN GREAT

MARGARET'S FOUNDATIONS

- “As a Methodist in Grantham, I learned the laws of God. When I read chemistry at Oxford, I learnt the laws of science, which derive from the laws of God; and when I studied for the Bar, I learnt the laws of man.”
- Source: Moore, Charles. Margaret Thatcher – The Authorized Biography – From Grantham to the Falklands. (MTTAB). Alfred A. Knopf. N.Y. 2013. p. 49.

THE TWINS ARE BORN – 14 AUG 1953

MARGARET IS NOT A DEVOTED
MOTHER

- WORK TAKES PRECEDENCE
- CHILDREN WILL ATTEND BOARDING SCHOOL
- CONSUMED BY POLITICS
- UNUSUAL FOR POST-WAR BRITAIN

MARK AND CAROL WITH “MUM”





STANDING FOR ELECTIONS

A FRESH NEW FACE ON THE SCENE

LOSING THEN WINNING BY 1959

EXCELLENT ORATORY SKILLS

- DEVELOPED WITH MUCH PRACTICE
- APPEALING TO THE MIDDLE CLASS
- CLOSE TO SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS
- A WOMAN WITH CORE VALUES

OPPOSING THE UTOPIAN STATE

- LABOR PARTY KILLING UPWARD MOBILITY
- TAXES – CONTROLS – NATIONALIZATION
- THE DEPENDENCY CULTURE

RUNNING FOR FINCHLEY'S SEAT

MARGARET WINS 54% OF THE VOTE

- OPPOSED BY MANY WOMEN
- UPSETTING TO MEN
- FIRST OF MANY PRECEDENTS
- SHE HOLDS THE SEAT UNTIL 1993

FINCHLEY, ENGLAND

- CLOSE TO THE CITY
- NINE MILES FROM PARLIAMENT
- A RESIDENTIAL SUBURB

FINCHLEY, ENGLAND

A NORTH LONDON SUBURB

- SHE IS RETURNED MANY TIMES
- LEARNS TO ADMIRE AND RESPECT ENGLAND'S JEWS
- NEITHER "POSH" NOR POOR

FINCHLEY TRAIN PLATFORM



TIMING IS EVERYTHING

BRITAIN'S RISING PROSPERITY

- HAROLD MACMILLAN IS PM IN JANUARY 1957
- TAXES CUT IN 1959 INCLUDING BEER
- CONSERVATIVES HAVE 107 VOTE MAJORITY – THE LARGEST SINCE WWII

THATCHER CAMPAIGN POSTER



NEW CHALLENGES EMERGE

THE COLD WAR IS HEATING UP

- RUSSIA VS AMERICA
- NATO EMERGES AS A SHIELD
- THE SWINGING SIXTIES
- DRUGS, SEX, ROCK AND ROLL
- TRADITIONAL VALUES ARE WANING

THE LONDON SCENE





WEEK TWO

PARLIAMENT: 1959-1979

THE BASICS

ENGLISH COMMON
LAW

CONSENT OF THE
GOVERNED

THE RIGHTS OF
COMMON CITIZENS

NATIONAL ELECTIONS
EVERY 4-5 YEARS

THE MONARCHY
PROVIDES STABILITY

EUROPEAN
PARLIAMENT IS
ANOTHER LAYER

- HOW DOES THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT FUNCTION?
- THE MAJORITY PARTY FORMS A GOVERNMENT
- COMMONS AND LORDS BALANCE EACH OTHER
- NO SUPREME COURT UNTIL LATE 1990'S
- LOCAL AUTHORITIES RETAIN SOME POWERS

STRUCTURE AND TRADITION

CENTURIES OF CUSTOM

- FEW ELECTED WOMEN
- HIDEBOUND WAYS AND MEANS
- THE ARISTOCRACY DOMINATES
- CLUBBY OLD-BOY NETWORK

UPSETTING THE SYSTEM

- LOOKING FOR SUBSTANTIVE ROLES
- USING HER SEX TO ADVANTAGE
- SOLUTIONS VICE COMPROMISE
- AGAINST MANAGED DECLINE

BRITAIN'S HEAD OF STATE

HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE
QUEEN



NOT THE HEAD OF THE
GOVERNMENT

- NEUTRAL IN POLITICAL AFFAIRS
- THE FACE OF BRITAIN
- APPROVES AND SIGNS LAWS
- ROYAL PEROGATIVE POWERS

HRH'S PEROGRATIVE POWERS

DOMESTIC POWERS

- TO APPOINT AND DISMISS A PM
- ROYAL ASSENT TO BILLS MAKES THEM LAW
- COMMAND THE ARMED FORCES
- GRANT HONOURS
- ISSUE AND WITHDRAW PASSPORTS

FOREIGN POWERS

- RATIFY AND MAKE TREATIES
- DECLARE WAR & CONCLUDE PEACE
- TO RECOGNIZE STATES
- TO DEPLOY MILITARY
- CREDIT AND RECEIVE DIPLOMATS

THE PRIME MINISTER

- ACTS AS DAY-TO-DAY EXECUTIVE
- MANAGES AND EXECUTES PROGRAMS
- RESPONSIBLE TO PARLIAMENT
- TYPICALLY THE PARTY CHIEF
- ELECTED FOR 4-5 YEARS
- PRIME MINISTER'S QUESTIONS

THE BRITISH PARLIAMENT



MULTI-FACETED PARLIAMENT

THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

- 650 MEMBERS
- ELECTED ALONG WITH THE PRIME MINISTER
- CLOSEST TO THE VOTERS
- MEMBERS RUN WHERE THEY ARE ELECTABLE
- COUNTY OR BOROUGH CONSTITUENCIES

THE HOUSE OF LORDS

- A BODY OF ADVISORS AND EXPERTS
- 700 LIFE PEERS APPOINTED BY THE MONARCH
- 92 HEREDITARY PEERS
- 26 ARCHBISHOPS AND BISHOPS

WHO HOLDS THE POWER???

COMMONS

- ORIGINATES MONEY BILLS
- DEPARTMENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES
- WHERE PM'S COME FROM SINCE KING EDWARD VII
- CONFIDENCE OF COMMONS IS KEY

LORDS

- LITTLE REAL POLITICAL POWER
- INFLUENCE COMES FROM KNOWLEDGE
- DEBATE PUBLIC POLICY
- HOLD GOVERNMENT TO ACCOUNT

MARGARET'S MAIDEN SPEECH

05 FEBRUARY 1960

- SUBSTANTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE
- ISSUE: ADMISSION OF PRESS TO MEETINGS
- “PUBLIC SHOULD KNOW HOW THEIR MONEY IS SPENT”
- OPPOSED BY LABOUR AND GOVERNMENT

PASSES BY 152-39 VOTE

- WRITES NOTES TO 250 COLLEAGUES
- 27 MINUTES LONG
- THE PRESS TAKES NOTICE
- WEAKENED IN DEBATES
- LORDS DELETES POLICE

MARGARET'S VIEWS AS MP?

NO SURPRISES HERE

- HELP UNFORTUNATES
NOT IDLERS
- PROTECT UNMARRIED
MOMS AND TOTS
- TAXES SHOULD
BENEFIT NOT PUNISH
- REVISE TRADES UNION
LAWS

1964-1970: SITTING IN
OPPOSITION



HER RECORD IN “OPPOSITION”

- SIX “SHADOW” GOVERNMENT POSITIONS
- DETESTS ARBITRARY STATE POWER
- SUPPORTS TAX RELIEF NOT SUBSIDIES
- CAN ABSORB ALMOST ANY AMMOUNT OF DETAIL
- SURPRISINGLY DIVERSE VIEWS ON ISSUES

1967: FIRST VISIT TO U.S.

INVITED TO AMERICA

- IMPRESSED BY UNITED STATES
- ADMIRES YANKEE TECHNOLOGY
- VISITS CITIES, FACTORIES, NASA
- NOTES LOW U.S. TAXATION RATES

THE LAND OF OPPORTUNITY

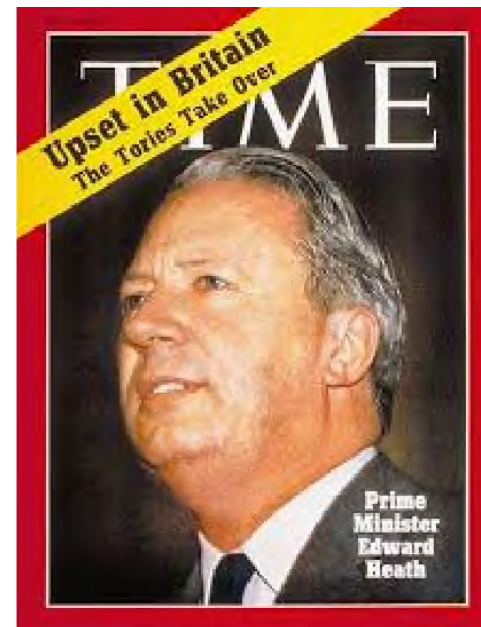


1970: A CABINET OFFICER IN TORY GOVERNMENT

GAINING VALUABLE
EXPERIENCE

- SECSTATE FOR EDUCATION/SCIENCE
- “NO DIRECT CONTROL OF ANYTHING”
- “MILKSNATCHER”
- GAINED \$\$ FOR EDUCATION

APPOINTED UNDER PM
EDWARD HEATH



1972-1979: A RISING FORCE

MP THATCHER

- A FORCE FOR CONSERVATIVE IDEALS
- CANNOT STAND COMPROMISE
- “UNIONS ARE HURTING THE PEOPLE”
- FAITH IN RULE OF LAW

OPPOSING THE LABOURITES



CHALLENGING PM HEATH

TAKING ON FELLOW CONSERVATIVES

COUNCIL HOUSES MAY
BE PURCHASED
GIVING OWNERS AN
INDEPENDENT STAKE
FREEDOM VERSUS A
CONTROLLED SOCIETY
PROSPERITY
EMPOWERS ALL
CLASSES

EXPOSING COMPROMISE AS FAILURE

- WHAT DO WE STAND FOR?
- HATES “MANAGED DECLINE”
- SENSES UK MAY SOON COLLAPSE
- EDGING CLOSER TO PARTY LEADERSHIP

1975: BECOMING TORY CHIEF

RIISING TO THE TOP

- DIRECTLY CHALLENGES HEATH
- MULTIPLE PARTY VOTES
- WINS ON SECOND BALLOT
- ANOTHER FIRST – FEMALE PARTY CHIEF

WHAT SHE BRINGS

- REALISTIC VIEW OF BRITISH LIFE
- TRAINED AT THE BAR
- FORMIDABLE DEBATING SKILLS
- BROAD EXPERIENCE
- LOYAL CITIZEN OF BRITAIN

NEW DIRECTIONS FOR TORIES

DEFINING PROBLEMS CRISPLY

- OFFER SOLUTIONS TO VOTERS
- “INSPIRE HOPE NOT FEAR”
- SHARPEN TORY FOCUS TO CAPTURE PM POST
- PUT MONEY IN PEOPLE’S POCKETS

ACTION VERSUS DO-NOTHING



1978-1979: “THE WINTER OF DISCONTENT”

NEAR ANARCHY ACROSS
BRITAIN

- STRIKES AND LABOUR STOPPAGES
- TRAINS DON'T RUN
- GARBAGE ACCUMULATES
- DEAD ARE UNBURIED
- COAL MINERS ARE AGITATING

BASIC SERVICES COLLAPSING



THE PEOPLE HAVE NO MONEY

SHARP CONTRAST WITH U.S.

- TWO-THIRDS HAVE NO PHONES
- ONLY HALF CAN AFFORD A CAR
- FAR LESS OWN THEIR HOMES
- TOO MANY ARE WELFARE DEPENDENT

TO HER THE CAUSE IS
OBVIOUS



PAIN AND MISERY FOR ALL

- HIGH INCOME TAX RATES
- SOARING INFLATION
- PENSIONERS ARE ALMOST WIPED OUT
- ECONOMY IS IN TATTERS
- UNIONS ARE IN CONTROL
- 12 MILLION WORKING DAYS ARE LOST
- A NATION IN RAPID DECLINE

1979: WINNING THE ELECTIONS

LOOK OUT MAGGIE'S COMING!

- NOT FOR CODDLING UNIONS
- SHE MUST TAME INFLATION
- WRESTLING WITH INTEREST RATES
- GET A GRIP ON ECONOMY

REFORMING THE ECONOMY

- LOOSEN FINANCIAL MARKETS
- PRIVATIZE FAILING INDUSTRIES
- TAX CONSUMPTION, NOT EARNING
- ENCOURAGE FOREIGN INVESTMENT

MOVING INTO NO 10

HER CABINET

- FROM ALL REGIONS OF BRITAIN
- DIVERSITY OF OPINION
- 22 MEMBERS TOTAL
- ANNOUNCED IN 24 HOURS
- MP'S ROTATE AMONG POSITIONS

THE PM'S RESIDENCE



FOLLOWING THE ELECTION

- Speaking to reporters in front of No 10 Downing Street for the first time, following a summons to Buckingham Palace by HRH to form a new government:
- “Where there is discord, may we bring harmony. Where there is error, may we bring truth. Where there is doubt, may we bring faith, and where there is despair may we bring hope. (Quote attributed to St. Francis of Assisi).
- Source: Thatcher, Margaret. MTTDSY. p. 19.

A LIFE OF PRACTICALITY

A FRUGAL EXISTENCE

- SMALL OFFICIAL STAFF
- DENIS AND MAGGIE DO THEIR OWN COOKING
- NO LIVE-IN DOMESTIC HELP
- ART WORKS ARE ON LOAN FROM MUSEUMS
- SHE PAYS FOR REDECORATING

MEETING WITH THE QUEEN

- WEEKLY AUDIENCES
- VERY CIRCUMSPECT
- HRH SUGGESTS AND SHAPES
- FORMAL AND CORRECT
- NO STAFF PRESENT
- A MEETING OF TITANS

“MARGARET’S THE PM – OH GOD!”

ANOTHER FIRST FOR MAGGIE

- OXFORD IS ASTONISHED!
- IT DENIES HER AN HONORARY DEGREE
- CAMBRIDGE STEPS INTO THE BREACH
- REVULSION OF HER POLITICS
- SOCIALISM VERSUS FREE MARKETS

OXFORD DONS
(UPPER CLASS TWITS)



A NATION IN DISTRESS

RACE AND LABOUR RIOTS

- UNION LEADERS FORMENT UNREST
- POLICE, FIRE, EMS ARE ASSAULTED
- FIRES AND LOOTING
- SHOPS DESTROYED

MAGGIE STANDS TOUGH

- RALLIES PUBLIC SUPPORT
- CALLS FOR LAW AND ORDER
- VISITS VICTIMS
- TAPS INTO MAINSTREAM VIEWS

NOTTING HILL IN FLAMES



CHARTING A NEW COURSE

- CUTS TO PUBLIC SPENDING
- CASH LIMITS ON PUBLIC OUTLAYS
- GETTING ABLE-BODIED OFF THE DOLE
- ENRAGING THE OPPOSITION
- REGAINING CONTROL FROM THE UNIONS

HER POLICIES ARE NOT WORKING

ECONOMY IS STILL SPUTTERING

- INTEREST RATES ARE RISING
- UNEMPLOYMENT IS UP
- WILL THATCHERISM EVER WORK?
- CALLS FOR ABOUT-FACE WITHIN PARTY

“THE LADY’S NOT FOR TURNING”

- NOT WILLING TO YIELD
- STUBBORN REFUSAL TO BEND
- REBELLION WITHIN HER CABINET
- THE LEFT SMELLS BLOOD IN THE WATER

WHITEHALL: THE ENEMY WITHIN



“FORMIDABLE FORCES”

CONDITIONED TO RESIST

- MINISTERIAL DEPARTMENTS (24)
- NON-MINISTERIAL DEPARTMENTS (25)
- TOO MANY “QUANGOS”

ENTRENCHED LIKE BADGERS



MINISTERIAL DEPARTMENTS

DIRECT POLITICAL OVERSIGHT

- EACH HEADED BY A “SECRETARY OF STATE”
- WHO IS A CABINET MEMBER
- WHO COMES FROM THE COMMONS
- WHO IS MIGRATORY
- WITH THEIR OWN VIEWS

WHITEHALL – THE SQUARE MILE



TWENTY FOUR MAJOR BODIES

- ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE
- CABINET OFFICE
- DEPT FOR BUSINESS/INNOVATION/SKILLS
- DEPT FOR COMMUNITIES/LOCAL GOVERNMENT
- DEPT FOR CULTURE/MEDIA/SPORT
- DEPT FOR EDUCATION
- DEPT FOR ENVIRONMENT/FOOD/RURAL AREAS
- DEPT FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
- DEPT FOR TRANSPORT
- DEPT FOR WORK AND PENSIONS
- DEPT OF ENERGY/CLIMATE CHANGE
- DEPT OF HEALTH
- FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE
- HER MAJESTY'S TREASURY
- HOME OFFICE
- MINISTRY OF DEFENSE
- MINISTRY OF JUSTICE
- NORTHERN IRELAND OFFICE
- OFFICE OF AG FOR SCOTLAND
- OFFICE OF LEADER OF HOUSE OF COMMONS
- OFFICE OF LEADER OF HOUSE OF LORDS
- SCOTLAND OFFICE
- UK EXPORT FINANCE
- WALES OFFICE

NON-MINISTERIAL DEPARTMENTS

- CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES
- COMMISSIONERS FOR THE REDUCTION OF THE NATIONAL DEBT
- COMPETITION AND MARKETS AUTHORITY
- CROWN PROSECUTION SERVICE
- FOOD STANDARDS AGENCY
- FORESTRY COMMISSION
- GOVERNMENT'S ACTUARY DEPARTMENT
- HER MAJESTY'S LAND REGISTRY
- HER MAJESTY'S REVENUE AND CUSTOMS
- NATIONAL CRIME AGENCY
- NATIONAL SAVINGS AND INVESTMENTS
- OFFICE FOR STANDARDS IN EDUCATION, CHILDREN'S SERVICES AND SKILLS
- OFFICE OF FAIR TRADING
- OFFICE OF GAS AND ELECTRICITY MARKETS
- OFFICE OF QUALIFICATIONS AND EXAMINATIONS REGULATION
- OFFICE OF RETAIL REGULATION
- ORDNANCE SURVEY
- PUBLIC WORKS LOAN BOARD
- SERIOUS FRAUD OFFICE
- SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM
- THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES
- TREASURY SOLICITOR'S DEPARTMENT
- UK STATISTICS AUTHORITY
- UK TRADE AND INVESTMENT
- WATER SERVICES REGULATION AUTHORITY

“QUANGOS”

QUASI-AUTONOMOUS NON- GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

- OPERATE WITH DEVOLVED POWER
- ARM'S LENGTH GOVERNMENT BODIES
- FUNDED BY THE GOVERNMENT
- NOT A FORMAL PART OF STATE STRUCTURE

2009 STATISTICS

- 111,000 PERSONS
- 46.5 BILLION UK POUNDS WERE SPENT
- 766 ENTITIES SPONSORED BY GOVERNMENT
- UNDEMOCRATIC
- WASTEFUL

REMAKING BRITISH SOCIETY

THE MEDIA

- SUPPORTED BY TIMES AND SUNDAY TIMES
- MANY PAPERS IN OPPOSITION
- BBC IS BIASED IN ITS ASSESSMENTS
- CAREFULLY CRAFTING HER APPEARANCE

THE IMAGE OF POWER



IS MAGGIE FINISHED??!!

CONDITIONS ARE WORSENING

- UNEMPLOYMENT SOARING
- NATIONAL DISCONTENT
- ALLIES ARE DEFECTING
- TOO MANY OPPOSING FORCES

BUT DON'T WRITE HER OFF JUST YET!

- INFLATION WILL EVENTUALLY RECEDE
- HER PROGRAMS NEED TIME TO WORK
- SHE'S NOT BACKING DOWN
- NO CHANCE OF RETREATING



WEEK THREE:

BRITAIN'S CONFIDENCE GETS A BOOST

HELP IN UNEXPECTED PLACES!



1982: THE FALKLANDS WAR

FAILURE OF GLOBAL DIPLOMACY

- AT THE ENDS OF THE EARTH
- FIGHTING OVER REMOTE ISLANDS
- HISTORY OF TANGLED CLAIMS
- **IMPACT WILL SAVE THATCHER**

MAP OF FALKLANDS



SOUTH GEORGIA AND SOUTH SANDWICH ISLANDS



“LIKE TWO BALD MEN FIGHTING OVER A COMB”

LITTLE OF STRATEGIC VALUE

IMPORTANT INCOME SOURCE

- SHEEP
- GRASS
- ROCKS
- FISH
- STAMPS
- PENGUINS



WHO OWNS THE FALKLANDS??!

- 1690: BRITISH LANDFALL
- 1770: DISPUTE WITH SPAIN
- 1883: CONTINUOUS UK PRESENCE
- 1971: AIR-SEA LINKS WITH ARGENTINA
- 1981: ARGENTINA JUNTA REACHES OUT
- 1982: ARGIES INVADE THE ISLANDS

VEDDY BRITISH



BUENOS AIRES MOTIVES

JUNTA NEEDS A DISTRACTION

- ATTEMPTING TO
SUPPORT CLAIMS
- PRESS SPECULATES
ON MILITARY ACTION
- ARGENTINA BELIEVES
IT HAS U.S. SUPPORT
- THEIR ECONOMY IS IN
BAD SHAPE

DISREGARDING ISLANDERS' ALLEGIANCE TO UK



“A DIVERSION FROM INEPTITUDE”

ARGENTINA'S ECONOMIC HISTORY

- A SERIES OF MISADVENTURES
- DEFLATION
- UNEMPLOYMENT
- HOARDING
- GOVERNMENT BUNGLING
- CONTINUES TODAY

PHOTO OF UNREST



BRITISH RESPONSE!

- OBTAIN SUPPORT OF YANKS, EUROPE, UN
- WE'RE DEFENDING UK TERRITORY
- **SOVREIGNTY IS NOT NEGOTIABLE**
- REMINDING WORLD WE'LL RESIST AGGRESSION
- THE ISLANDERS ARE NOT LOYAL TO ARGENTINA
- LEAVE OR WE'LL TAKE EM' BACK!

WAR IN THE SOUTH ATLANTIC

NEITHER FORSEEN OR PREVENTABLE

- ANTARCTIC SURVEY SHIP GIVES WARNING
- UK FOREIGN OFFICE MISJUDGED JUNTA
- THATCHER IS DETERMINED TO OUST ARGENTINA
- A TEST OF WILLS

THIS WAR IS DIFFERENT

- LOGISTICS DIFFICULT AT BEST
- BRITAIN EMPTIES THE BARN
- FIRST WAR AT SEA SINCE WORLD WAR II
- U.S. SUPPORT ESSENTIAL TO VICTORY

BUT, U.S. POLICY IS DIVIDED

THE PENTAGON PROVIDES BROAD ASSISTANCE

- INTELLIGENCE
ACTIVITIES ARE
INTEGRATED
- OFFERS ASSISTANCE
WITHOUT CONDITIONS
- INCLUDING
SATELLITES AND A
CARRIER
- NAVY SECRETARY
CAMBRIDGE GRAD

CAP WEINBERGER BELIEVES IN BRITAIN



THE STATE DEPT DOES NOT AGREE

AL HAIG THE GREAT MEDIATOR

- ATTEMPTS TO WOO BOTH BRITAIN AND ARGENTINA
- SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY
- ANNOYS MARGARET
- DUPED BY BUENOS AIRES
- FAILS TO PREVENT BRITISH LANDINGS

JEANNE KIRKPATRICK, UNITED NATIONS REPRESENTATIVE





A GLOBAL CLASH OF IDEOLOGY

- NORTH VERSUS SOUTH
- EAST VERSUS WEST
- RULE OF LAW VERSUS ARMED AGRESSION
- PROXY NATIONS ASSIST
- UNITED NATIONS DEBATES DIVIDE
- THE SHADOW WARS

ON BRITAIN'S SIDE

SKILLFUL MANEUVERING

- UN RESOLUTION – AR MUST WITHDRAW
- FR – DISSIMILAR AIRCRAFT TRAINING
- FR- BLOCK EXOCET SALES WORLDWIDE
- EEC – SUPPORT UK OBJECTIVES
- NZ – FREES UP UK FRIGATE
- CHILE – TIES UP ARGENTINE TROOPS

OUTFLANKING ARGENTINA ON THE WORLD STAGE



DON'T CRY FOR ME ARGENTINA

BUENOS AIRES HAS FRIENDS
TOO

PERU – SENDS AIRCRAFT,
PILOTS, MISSILES
LIBYA – SA-7 MANPADS
MISSILES, MINES,
MACHINE GUNS, MORTARS
NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT
SUPPORT
GUATEMALA – OFFERS
PARATROOPS
SPAIN – DIPLOMATIC
SUPPORT

PERUVIAN C-130 HERCULES
AIRCRAFT



UN RESOLUTION 502

ADOPTED 3 APRIL 1982

- UK DIPLOMATIC TRIUMPH
- CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES
- COMPLETE ARGENTINE WITHDRAWAL
- SEEK DIPLOMATIC SOLUTIONS

SECURITY COUNCIL VOTING

- TEN YES MEMBER VOTES
- ONE VOTE AGAINST
- FOUR ABSTENTIONS
- FINAL TALLY CONFIRMS LONDON'S POSITION
- A SLAP AT BUENOS AIRES

THE EARLY STAGES: MAR & APR

- 17 MAR 82 – Argentine Marines ashore on S. Georgia
- 01 APR 82 – Buenos Aires lands in Falklands
- 02 APR 82 – Further AR landings on South Georgia
- 03 APR 82 – House of Commons endorses UK response;
UN RES 502 calls for AR withdrawal
- 12 APR 82 – UK imposes Economic Exclusion Zone
- 30 APR 82 – UK imposes Total Exclusion Zone; **Ronald Reagan voices support for UK**

THE ROYAL NAVY SAILS TO WAR

MARGARET IS ABLY
ASSISTED

MILITARY CHIEFS ARE
WAR II VETERANS
FORCES ARE TOP-
NOTCH
SKILLFUL DIPLOMACY
EUROPE LINES UP
BEHIND HER (MOSTLY)
SKILLFULLY WORKING
THE UNITED NATIONS

TASK FORCE HEADS FOR THE
SOUTH ATLANTIC



WARTIME THATCHER INTERVIEW

- Interviewed on television, she was asked whether she would resign if the enterprise failed. 'Failure?' she replied. 'Do you remember what Queen Victoria once said?' **'Failure – the possibilities do not exist!'**,
- SOURCE: MTTAB, p. 677. ITN News Interview, 05 April 1982.

DEPARTING 04 APRIL-12 MAY 1982

127 SHIPS IN ALL

- 43 ROYAL NAVY
- 22 FLEET AUXILIARIES
- 62 MERCHANT SHIPS

NOTABLE SHIPS

- SSN HMS CONQUEROR
- CV HMS INVINCIBLE
- CV HMS HERMES
- RMS QUEEN
ELIZABETH
- SS CANBERRA

8,000 MILE VOYAGE AT SEA!



HITCHING A RIDE

A MIX OF CAPABILITIES

- SPECIAL FORCES (SAS)
- 5th INFANTRY BRIGADE
- SUPPORT UNITS
- 2nd/3rd PARAS
- MARINES OF 42
COMMANDO
- SPECIAL BOAT
SERVICE (SBS)

GOING TO WAR



A VERY WEIRD MOMENT!

ARGENTINE OPERATION “ALGECIRAS”

- CONCEIVED BY JUNTA
- LIMPET MINES
POUCHED TO SPAIN
- SCUBA DIVERS WILL
MINE RN SHIPS
- RENTAL CAR AGENCY
TURNS THEM IN
- OPERATIVES RETURN
TO ARGENTINA

THE TARGET? GIBRALTAR ANCHORAGES



THE WAR: MAY & JUNE

- 01 MAY: RAF VULCAN RAIDS COMMENCE
- 02 MAY: ROYAL NAVY SINKS GENERAL BELGRANO
- 04 MAY: ARGENTINE EXOCETS SINK HMS SHEFFIELD
- 14 MAY: SAS PEBBLE ISLAND RAID
- 21-25 MAY: ARGENTINE AIRCRAFT RAIDS
- 27-28 MAY: BATTLE OF GOOSE GREEN
- 27-30 MAY: SPECIAL FORCES CLASH ON MT. KENT
- 01-07 JUNE: BLUFF COVE DEBACLE
- 11-13 JUNE: BATTLE FOR STANLEY
- 14 JUNE: ARGENTINA SURRENDERS

THE BELGRANO TORPEDOED!



HMS SHEFFIELD IS SUNK!



14 MAY 82: SAS RAID

PEBBLE ISLAND

- 45 MEN OF D SQUADRON
- CLANDESTINE HELO INSERTION
- 6 KM “STROLL” TO AIRFIELD TARGET
- 11 AIRCRAFT, FUEL, AMMO DUMPS DESTROYED
- SUCCESSFUL EXFILTRATION

FLYING IN FOUL WEATHER



PEBBLE ISLAND RAID

MAP SHOWING PEBBLE ISLAND



DEPICTION OF THE RAID



ROYAL AIR FORCE CONTRIBUTES

LONG RANGE VULCAN
BOMBERS



42 HARRIER JUMP JETS



ASCENSION ISLAND STAGING



ROYAL NAVY COVERS LANDINGS

NAVAL GUNFIRE ESSENTIAL

- MOBILE ARTILLERY FOR GROUND FORCES
- A FEW CIVILIAN CASUALTIES
- PROVIDES LEVERAGE TO WIN
- ARGENTINES LACK COMPARABLE POWER

HMS EXETER TYPE 42 DESTROYER



A SLUGFEST ON LAND, SEA, AIR

RN SHIPS DAMAGED OR LOST

- HMS ARGONAUT
- HMS BRILLIANT
- HMS ARDENT
- HMS COVENTRY
- HMS SHEFFIELD
- HMS GLAMORGA
- SS ATLANTIC
CONVEYOR

BRITS PREVAIL

- SINK ARGIE CRUISER
BELGRANO
- SINK SUBMARINE
SANTE FE
- SAVAGE GROUND
FIGHTING FOR DAYS
- ARGIES SURRENDER
15 JUN 82

MARCHING TO VICTORY

BUENOS AIRES IS DEFEATED

- 648 AR CASUALTIES
- BUT DOES NOT ABANDON CLAIMS
- GOVERNMENT FALLS FROM POWER
- THE SUBJECT REMAINS SENSITIVE TODAY

A GRITTY TRIUMPH OF WILL



ANXIOUS MOMENTS FOR MAGGIE

ANGUISH OVER CASUALTIES

- 252 MILITARY AND CIVILIANS KILLED
- 777 ARE WOUNDED
- SHE WORRIES ABOUT THE TRUE COSTS OF WAR
- OUTRAGE AT BBC BROADCAST LEAKS!

THE PRIME MINISTER VISITS WAR GRAVES



WHY FIGHT AT ALL???!?

BECAUSE IT MATTERS

- SYMBOLICALLY RESISTING ARMED AGGRESSION
- SENDS A WORLD-WIDE MESSAGE
- SHOWS BRITAIN IS NO PATSY
- THE ENABLER OF ALL ELSE

THE WORLD TAKES NOTICE



MAGGIE AFTER THE WAR'S END

- Invoking Rudyard Kipling (one of her heroes, she was awarded a prize for an essay on Kipling as a secondary student), she spoke of “might, right, and majesty”.
- “The Falklands proved that the unexpected happens, and this included the reappearance of a fantastic pride of country. I believe that Britain has now found a role. **It is in upholding international law and teaching the nations of the world how to live**”.
- Source: Speech given to the Mid-Bedfordshire Conservatives, Shuttlesworth Agricultural College, 30 April 1982. <http://www.Margaret> thatcher.org/document 104929.

MINEFIELDS ARE LEFT BEHIND

FULLY MAPPED BY 2011

- 20,000 MINES
- 117 MINEFIELDS
- 13 SQUARE KILOMETERS
- PENGUINS PROTECTED BY MINES
- THEY CAN'T TRIGGER THEM

PENGUIN OBSERVING
MINEFIELD WARNING



THE CONSEQUENCES

- ARGENTINE WAR JUNTA IS DEPOSED
- FIRST FREE ELECTIONS IN A DECADE
- UK CANCELS PLANNED DEFENSE CUTS
- LONDON REARMS FALKLANDS AND S. GEORGIA
- RESTORES FULL CITIZENSHIP TO ISLANDERS
- UK-AR RESTORE FULL RELATIONS BY 1990
- UK WILL NOT DISCUSS SOVEREIGNTY



WEEK FOUR

1982-2013: TRIUMPH AND DESPAIR

TIME MAGAZINE COVER



MARGARET'S TRANSCENDENCE

- HER POLITICAL FORTUNE IS REVERSED
- FIRST FEMALE WAR LEADER SINCE ELIZABETH I
- RESTORES BRITAIN'S NATIONAL PRIDE
- REVISES WORLD OPINION OF UK
- **ENABLES ENGAGEMENT ON BIGGER ISSUES**

EUROPE: A KEY ISSUE

BRITAIN'S SHARE OF EU BUDGET

- MARGARET WANTS ONE BILLION POUNDS REFUNDED
- CONTRIBUTIONS NOT WEIGHED AGAINST ECONOMIES
- “PATENTLY UNFAIR AND UNJUST”
- A FIVE-YEAR TUSSLE

EU HEADQUARTERS IN BELGIUM



WARY OF EUROPEAN MOTIVES

- CENTURIES OF ARMED CONFLICT WITH UK
- BRITAIN ALSO HAS STRONG U.S. LINKS
- EUROPEANS GIVING AWAY THEIR RIGHTS
- TREADING CAREFULLY ON ISSUES
- PRESERVING “BRITISHNESS”
- EUROPEAN LEADERS DISMISS HER
- SHE RETALIATES IN KIND

BRITAIN AND EUROPE?



OTHER BIG INTERNATIONAL ISSUES

“THE IRISH PROBLEM”

- NORTHERN IRELAND IS BRITISH
- REMAINDER OF ISLAND BELONGS TO IRELAND
- WAR BETWEEN CATHOLICS AND PROTESTANTS
- NO END IN SIGHT

THE RUSSIAN BEAR

- AGGRESSIVE WORLDWIDE BEHAVIOR
- AFGHANISTAN INVASION
- DEPLOYMENT OF NUCLEAR MISSILES
- ATTEMPTING GLOBAL DOMINANCE

1979 VISIT TO AMERICA:

JAMES EARL CARTER, JR.

- REALIZES MARGARET IS A TOUGH COOKIE
- GRATEFUL FOR IRAN HOSTAGE SUPPORT
- CARTER WHITE HOUSE ANTI-THATCHER
- LIMITED BY FIXATION WITH DETENTE

THATCHER REVIEWS THE HONOR GUARD



WORKING RONALD REAGAN

HE VISITS LONDON APRIL 1975

- THEY CLICKED FROM THE START
- HE WAS OUT OF OFFICE
- POORLY REGARDED BY BRITISH OBSERVERS
- “A LIGHTWEIGHT OF NO SUBSTANCE”
- UNLIKELY TO BE ELECTED PRESIDENT

HOW SHE SEES RUSSIA

- WANTS TO END DEMOCRACY
- UNDERMINING NATIONAL WILL
- USED DÉTENTE TO EXPAND NOT CONTRACT
- ARRAYED AGAINST ALL OUR PRINCIPALS

“THE SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP”

A MERGER OF COLD
WARRIORS

- THEY SHARE SIMILAR BACKGROUNDS
- HARDSCRABBLE CHILDHOODS
- MODEST FAMILY RESOURCES
- DISREGARDED BY ELITES
- INTENSELY PATRIOTIC

RELAXING AT THE WHITE
HOUSE



ACTING AS A BRIDGE

EUROPE AND AMERICA

- MUST COME TOGETHER
- BRITAIN IS THE KEY
- AMERICA MUST UNDERSTAND NATO
- NATO MUST DRAW ON YANKEE STRENGTH
- ONE TEAM ONE FIGHT

NATO HEADQUARTERS



STANDING UP TO RUSSIA

REVERSING ACCOMODATION

- NATO MUST RESIST COMMUNISM
- NO ACCOMODATION OF TYRANNY
- REALIZING BRITS NEED U.S. HELP
- EVOKING THE PAST
- **OPENING A DIALOGUE**

THATCHER AND RUSSIAN PRESIDENT GORBACHEV



REAGAN COMES TO LONDON

DURING FALKLANDS WAR

- ADDRESSES MP'S AND PEERS
- IN THE ROYAL GALLERY
- A MAJOR POLICY STATEMENT
- RATTLES RUSSIA
- STIFFENS EUROPE

THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH TO PARLIAMENT



WHAT DOES REAGAN SAY?

- The Soviet State inspired by that “barbarous assault on the human spirit called Marxism-Leninism” was collapsing under the weight of its own contradictions.
- He called for a “crusade for freedom,” an attempt to establish “the infrastructure of democracy” and to subvert Soviet tyranny just as the Soviets tried to subvert Western freedom.
- He invited people to consign Marxism-Leninism to the “ash-heap of history.”
- Source: MTTAB, Page 551.

SHE REMINDS THE WORLD:

- “THE FIRST DUTY OF ANY GOVERNMENT IS TO SAFEGUARD ITS PEOPLE AGAINST EXTERNAL AGRESSION”
- SOURCE: MTTAB. CHAPTER 12, PAGE 330.

ORGANIZING TO DEFEND EUROPE

RUSSIAN MILITARY POWER

- THREATENS WESTERN EUROPE
- MUST BE MATCHED
- NEGOTIATE THROUGH STRENGTH
- BRING U.S. MILITARY MUSCLE TO THE TABLE
- THEN TALK WITH MOSCOW

RUSSIAN SS-20 MISSILES

- FORWARD DEPLOYED
- 3,400 NM RANGE
- ROAD MOBILE
- THREE NUCLEAR WARHEADS

RUSSIAN SS-20 MOBILE MISSILE



SHOWING NATO RESOLVE

DEFENDING EUROPE

- 108 U.S. PERSHING MISSILES
- 464 GROUND LAUNCHED CRUISE MISSILES
- DEPLOYMENTS BEGIN IN 1984
- DESPITE MASSIVE PROTESTS

RUSSIANS TAKE NOTICE

- BRINGS MOSCOW TO THE TABLE
- RUSSIANS REALIZE EUROPE WILL NOT FOLD
- CALCULATING MUTUAL ADVANTAGES
- PAVING THE WAY FOR ARMS CONTROLS

GUTSY NATO MOVES

PERSHING II BALLISTIC
MISSILE



RAF GREENHAM COMMON
PROTESTORS



THE END RESULT??

NEGOTIATIONS EXPAND

- U.S. AND NATO ARE A UNITED FRONT
- MOSCOW ALSO WANTS SECURITY
- BOTH SIDES AGREE
- ELIMINATE ALL INF WEAPONS IN EUROPE
- TREATY SIGNED IN 1987

REAGAN AND GORBACHEV SIGN INF TREATY



IRELAND DEFIES LOGIC

MARGARET HAS NO FIXED AGENDA

- VIEWS SECURITY ISSUES AS KEY
- OVERCOMING CULTURAL DIFFERENCES
- NO YIELDING TO IRA TERROR
- STANDING TOUGH BUT EXPLORING SOLUTIONS

U.S. COMPLICATES HER WORK

- THE PROFESSIONAL IRISH LOBBY
- U.S. CONGRESS
- IRISH-AMERICANS
- IRA FUND-RAISING IN AMERICAN SALOONS
- ENABLING VIOLENCE

IRA BOMBINGS

AIREY NEAVE IN CAR
PARK

LORD
MOUNTBATTEN'S
YACHT

WARRENPOINT
NORTHERN IRELAND

MANCHESTER PUBS

BRIGHTON HOTEL
TORY CONVENTION

HORSE GUARDS
PARADE IN LONDON

60 PERSONS KILLED

215 INJURED

7 HORSES KILLED



IRA TARGETS MAGGIE

DALE  **THE GUARDIAN** 
Printed in London and Manchester Saturday October 13 1984 40p

MP among dead • Chief Whip injured, wife missing • Tebbitt rescued after 4 hrs.

Cabinet survives IRA hotel blast

Inquiry into security at conference

By John Brown, Colin Brown, Peter Robinson,
David Brown and Gordon Ross

AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE ATROCIOUS BOMBING OF THE DOUGLAS HILTON HOTEL IN DUBLIN, WHICH KILLED TWO MEMBERS OF THE IRISH PARLIAMENT AND INJURED THE CHIEF WHIP OF THE BRITISH PARLIAMENT, HAS BEGUN.

The inquiry, which is being led by the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Goff, will look at the security arrangements for the conference and the role of the British and Irish governments.

The bombing, which took place on Saturday night, was the first time that the British and Irish governments have been directly involved in a terrorist attack.

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Robbitts' wife seen in the Great Street doorway. The bomb was on one of the top floors, directly above Mr Tebbitt's room on the second

Through a day of defiance and sorrow

Stickings

“KEEP CALM AND CARRY ON”

MAGARET DOES NOT YIELD

- TORIES CONTINUE CONFERENCE
- WORLD LEARNS TERROR WILL NOT WIN
- NO POLITICAL STATUS FOR PRISONERS
- DEFIES PRISON HUNGER STRIKES

A GUTSY APPROACH

- IRELAND WANTS A SAY IN NORTHERN RULE
- STUBBORN HARD LINE PROTESTANTS
- SHE OFFERS SECURITY FOR BOTH SIDES
- N. IRELAND REMAINS DIVIDED TODAY

ANGLO-IRISH HILLSBOROUGH AGREEMENT

15 NOVEMBER 1985

- MAJORITY CONSENT REQUIRED TO CHANGE STATUS OF N IRELAND
- DUBLIN MAY PROPOSE CHANGES TO EXISTING CONDITIONS
- CRAFTED WITHOUT UNIONIST SUPPORT

FAILS TO RESOLVE KEY
ISSUES

- IRA NOT RESTRAINED BY DUBLIN
- TROOPS, POLICE, CIVILIANS STILL DIE
- WORLD TREATS IRA PRISONERS AS MARTYRS NOT CRIMINALS

MARGARET IS EASED OUT

BY HER OWN PARTY

- TIRED OF HER STUBBORN WAYS
- LOOKING FOR NEW APPROACHES
- SHE IS DRIVING TALENT AWAY
- A NEW PARTY LEADER IS REQUIRED

SHE GETS THE BOOT IN 1990

- REMOVED AS TORY CHIEF
- REMAINS IN PARLIAMENT UNTIL 1992
- HRH GRANTS LIFE PEERAGE IN LORDS
- DENIS PASSES IN 1993

NO LONGER TORY CHIEF OR PM



TORIES GET ONE MORE CHANCE

THEY HAVE WON THREE ELECTIONS

- UK ECONOMY FINALLY RECOVERS
- BRITS HAVE WON FALKLANDS WAR
- LONDON'S REPUTATION HAS BEEN RESTORED
- U.S.-UK-EUR BOND OVER RUSSIA

BUT NOTHING LASTS FOREVER

- ELECTORATE IS FICKLE AND RESTLESS
- TORIES WIN WITH JOHN MAJOR IN 1993
- LABOUR COMES TO POWER IN 1997
- DENIS BLAIR RUNS A BRILLIANT CAMPAIGN

WHAT ABOUT DENIS THATCHER?

- “...all through his wife’s career, he chose a self-effacing role, revealing little of himself even to friends, let alone the news media...his wife must have known from their earliest days together his value as a friend, philosopher and guide lay in deep rooted common sense...he was a sound judge of men, helped as some of us were by experience in the wartime Army, but also by his principal recreation, which was refereeing rugby matches...his ability to sum up people who crossed the political scene was one of the gifts that he brought to the marriage scene...
- SOURCE: Margaret Thatcher Foundation. 27 June 2003 commentary in the “Daily Telegraph” by William Deedes

THE GEOPOLITICAL LEGACY

RESTORED BRITAIN'S CONFIDENCE

- GETTING PEOPLE OFF THE DOLE
- STANDING UP TO TRADES UNIONS
- ENDING THE TERMINAL ROT WITHIN
- MAKING AN INTERNATIONAL IMPACT

RALLYING FOR THE COMMON GOOD



A WATERSHED ERA ENDS

FIRST FEMALE PRIME MINISTER

- DEFENDING BRITISH VALUES
- REVERSED DECADES OF DECLINE
- HELPED BREAK COMMUNISM
- THE ENEMY OF SOCIALISM

HER CRITICS ENDURE

- DETESTED BY UNIONS
- PRIVATIZATION MIXED SCORECARD
- ANATHEMA TO ACADEMICS
- FEARED BY CIVIL SERVANTS
- RESENTED WITHIN TORY PARTY

SHE DIES on 08 APRIL 2013



A FINAL PARADE THROUGH LONDON



HER SEND OFF

UP THE STEPS OF ST. PAUL'S
CATHEDRAL



ROYAL FAMILY ATTENDS THE
SERVICE



R.I.P. MAGGIE THATCHER...





AND AFTER ALL THIS

WHAT HAS SHE CHANGED?

THE WEEK.CO.UK/POLITICS. 09 APRIL 2013

- THE BIG BANG: Financial deregulation was successful. The City Of London became Europe's biggest financial center and challenged New York.
- PRIVATISATION: She sold or privatized more than 50 state-run companies, including power and water industries, raising 50 billion pounds for the Exchequer.
- EDUCATION REFORM: Introduced a national curriculum, set up school standards and inspections, and devolved management of school budgets to the schools.

THE WEEK.CO.UK/POLITICS (CONT)

- ENDING THE COLD WAR: Working with Ronald Reagan, and Mikhail Gorbachev, she “helped bring change and tear down the Iron Curtain,” according to Gorbachev.
- RIGHT TO BUY SCHEME: More than 1.25 million Britons signed up to buy their council flats, adding 18 billion pounds to the government coffers, but also depleting the stock of social housing.
- PUSHING LABOUR PARTY TO THE RIGHT: Margaret self-described **her greatest achievement** thusly: “New Labour”; which forced the party “to drag itself into the modern era”. Labour PM Blair (1997-2007) governs from the center.

THE WEEK.CO.UK/POLITICS (CONT)

- THE FALKLANDS WAR: By ignoring her own military advisors, she prevailed at great risk and victory led directly to her landslide second victory as PM in 1983.
- SCEPTICISM OF EUROPE: Resisting European vigorously and publically helped lead to her eventual downfall over economic sovereignty issues.
- THE POLL TAX: The single flat-rate tax on every adult replaced taxation on home value with taxation based on the number of occupants, causing the Trafalgar Riot in 1990. (It was later repealed under John Major, her Tory PM successor prior to Labour PM Blair).

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS?

