

## ANIMATION/ FILM

Duration: 5-8 minutes

Narrated film outlining Churchill's involvement in the ME region throughout his political career. Key/ star objects to be highlighted, and the core narrative supported with short animations which look at personal relationships/ private letters etc.

## KEY THEMES AND STAR OBJECTS

The final year of the FWW saw the destruction of the Ottoman Empire, which had ruled much of the Middle East for centuries. Britain became responsible for former Ottoman territories.

Churchill became Secretary of State for the Colonies. He formed the Middle East Department to help develop policy.

The policies enacted had long-term impact.

In the 1930s Churchill was in the political 'wilderness'.

He maintained an interest in Palestine and supported Zionism.

The Middle East was a critical and complex theatre during the SWW.

The Allies faced opposition from Vichy French and Italian forces in ME

As Prime Minister Churchill sought to manage the ME area, but it increasingly slipped out of his control.

Churchill lost the general election.

He increasingly sought to defend his reputation, and the legacy of the policies he introduced.

### Flag (IWM)

Carried by Ottoman mayor of Jerusalem during surrender of the city

### Map (Churchill Archives facsimile)

Used by Churchill in the Colonial Office whilst developing policy

### Letter (Churchill Archives facsimile)

From Frederick Peake to Churchill, on political situation in the Middle East and work of the Royal Commission of Palestine

### Poster (IWM facsimile)

Propaganda poster showing Churchill as an octopus with tentacles spread across the world. The arms in Germany, Norway, Dakar, Somalia, Libya and Egypt are cut, indicating defeat in these areas.

### Letter (FDR Presidential Library facsimile)

Written by Eddy, observer during meeting between Churchill and Ibn Saud. Churchill wanted to create a Federation to 'share' responsibilities, but was unsuccessful.

### Book (Loan)

'Seven Pillars of Wisdom' by TE Lawrence.

Churchill spoke in parliament of Lawrence's support of his policies and referred to a personal inscription in the book

## Sub-themes and supporting stories

**Balfour Declaration** facsimile and '**What is Zionism**' pamphlet introduce Weizmann, Balfour and Zionism

**TE Lawrence map** shows areas under discussion and introduces Abdullah and Feisal

**Feisal portrait** and **Arab revolt flag**, and **Lawrence portrait** create link to Damascus

**Animation** examines aims of Cairo conference

**Photographs** of delegates introduce their areas of interest/ influence

**Animation** follows Churchill's visit to Jerusalem after the conference

**Visitors' books** from Government House, Jerusalem

Lady Moyne's **photo album** with images from Churchill/ Moyne holiday

**Photographs** introduce the Arab revolt and reference the 1939 White Paper

**Telegrams** to/ from Wavell, Commander in Chief in ME. Fighting Italians & Germans in North Africa, Vichy French in Syria, pro-German govt. in Iraq

**Flag** from Wavell's car from time as Commander in Chief in ME

**Photographs** of Wavell's campaigns

**Photographs** depict Churchill's meeting with Ibn Saud

**Animation** highlights Churchill's failed diplomacy – Rolls Royce car

**Papers** highlight Churchill's reaction to assassination of Lord Moyne

**Speech notes** show Churchill's opposition to Labour policy in Palestine

**Flag** flown by last British High Commissioner, Palestine

**Photographs** of High Commissioner for Palestine at Haifa, following his departure from Jerusalem