

# Brain in Gear

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**Neville Chamberlain**- 1937 to 1940

**Sir Winston Churchill**- Conservative 1940 to 1945

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What happened at Dunkirk? (1 point)

400,000 soldiers were driven to the coast and were rescued in Operation Dynamo

3

Describe two causes of WWII (HALS) (2 points)

Hitler's hopes- pushed Germany to ignore the treaty and expand German territory

Appeasement – lack of sanctions for Germany over Sudetenland

League of Nations loses- remained weak and America never joined

Six Slippery steps e.g. Hitler took over Austria

4

How did Hitler cause WWII? (2 points)

Had some dangerous aims to abolish the Treaty of Versailles. To expand German territory. To defeat Communism. Also his actions in reversing the Treaty of Versailles and invasions of Austria and Czechoslovakia

5

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Chamberlain liked it- allow Germany to recover and feel empowered.

Churchill- hated it, saw it was letting Germany not have a sanction.

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Explain 3 main problems with the Treaty of Versailles. (5 points)

Too harsh on Germany e.g. demilitarise Rhineland put it at risk. Economically bad- reparations huge £6.6 billion. Not allowing Germany into the League of Nations made it feel isolated. Blamed Germany for WWI- made them very angry.

# Title: Was Dunkirk a triumph or disaster?



Rule of law

## Lesson objectives:

- **Assess** if Dunkirk was a triumph or a disaster.
- **Investigate** how we can know if sources are reliable.

<b>GREENS</b>	Gain at least 2 marks on a 4 mark exam style question.  Judge which Dunkirk source you can trust the most.
<b>YELLOWS</b>	Gain at least 3 marks on a 4 mark exam style question.  Explain why you can trust one Dunkirk source the most.
<b>BLUES</b>	Gain all marks on a exam style question.  Explain why you can trust one Dunkirk source the most and one the least.



How can words impact on how we view events?

## Source A – A news broadcast about the Dunkirk rescue

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### Starter:

Write a short paragraph

**What can you learn from Source A about British attitudes to defeat at Dunkirk?**



Green pens at  
the ready!



Use the mark scheme to give your partner a mark out of 4.

Use the mark scheme to give them a WWW and EBI.

Use the mark scheme and "need help" boxes to add more extra mark to your partner's answer.

**CHALLENGE:** Rewrite your own answer to gain 4 marks.

# Was Dunkirk a triumph or disaster for Britain?

Triumph (victory)

Disaster (defeat)

*Source A says "They are still determined and fierce" This suggests that they still want to fight and that it was a victory*

First thing is first:  
Read through the sources and work out what they are telling you.

The next step:  
Record a quotation that supports this.

CHALLENGE:  
Which source is the most **USEFUL** and **RELIABLE**?  
Why?

Which source is the **LEAST** useful and reliable? Why?

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'If Dunkirk has gone down as a heroic defeat, it wasn't like that to those who took part. It was a shambles, in which a poorly trained and under-equipped army was totally outflanked and outfought by two superior German armies invading France'.

**Source F:** Adrian Hamilton (father was at Dunkirk), The Independent (Newspaper), 21st May 2010.

"It was a massive defeat, it was a retreat. But it was turned into the most marvellous heart stirring miracle really".

**Source B:** Marian Holmes, Ex Downing Street Secretary, Speaking in 2014.

'All too often people just think of Dunkirk as the time when scores of patriotic citizens leapt into their small craft to aid their army in its hour of need... Rarely do people think about... the Royal Navy and the larger vessels that were responsible for rescuing the massive majority of troops. Dunkirk became a necessary myth... Dunkirk was the beginning of the end of the Third Reich'.

**Source E:** Patrick Wilson, Historian of History Today, 2000.

'For us Germans the word "Dunkirchen" will stand for all time for victory in the greatest battle of annihilation in history. But, for the British and French who were there, it will remind them for the rest of their lives of a defeat that was heavier than any army had ever suffered before'.

**Source D:** Der Adler, A German Newspaper, 5<sup>th</sup> June 1940.

Interviewer: How did people react when they saw you?

Arthur Turner: On the, on the railway station, wonderful. You wouldn't think we'd just run away from Dunkirk. The great British army. British forces, running away, you know, that sort of thing. But we were all surprised.

**Source C:** Corporal Arthur Turner speaking to BBC History in 2000s.

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So before you make your mind up if Dunkirk was a triumph or disaster...

We need to ask how much we can trust our sources! Fill in the source reliability tables.



Which source can you trust the most? (The source with the most ticks).

Why can you trust that source the most?

Why can you trust one source the most and one the least?

**CHALLENGE:** Rank all sources in order of reliability and use the checklist to explain your order.

# Was Dunkirk a triumph or disaster for Britain?

*On one hand, it can be argued that Dunkirk was a victory. One example of this is Source... The source says "...". This suggests that... Another source which supports this is Source... This also suggests...*

*On the other hand... (write a similar paragraph about why it was a defeat)*

*Overall, I think that Dunkirk was a (victory / defeat) I think this because... I don't think that it was a (defeat / victory) because...*

Use at least 2 sources.

Use 3 sources and explain what makes each source reliable.

Use 3 sources and explain which is the most reliable.

**CHALLENGE:** Try using evidence from all sources. Explain why historians debate this question.



## *Dunkirk was a failure for Britain...*

### Start the discussion:

- I believe that Dunkirk was a failure for Britain because...
- In my opinion Dunkirk was a failure for Britain because...
- One argument may be that Dunkirk was a failure for Britain because...
- I'd like to make the point that...

### Build:

- Building on what... said...
- In addition to ...'s statement...
- I agree with your point, but should add that...
- Your argument is a good one, however it needs...

### Agree:

- I support your point that Dunkirk was a failure for Britain because of...
- Your opinion is reasonable because...
- I agree with your statement because...
- Your argument is a valid one because...

### Challenge:

- This opinion could be questioned because...
- My own view is contrasting with yours because...
- I would like to challenge your argument because...
- I disagree with your statement for a number of reasons...

Expert

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Slang

# Was Dunkirk a triumph or disaster?

CHALLENGE ONE: Why would different countries what to view Dunkirk in different ways?

CHALLENGE TWO: Why might opinions of Dunkirk changed over time? (STEP 8)

Triumph

Disaster



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