
I would say to the House as I said to those ministers who have joined this government, I have nothing to offer but blood, toil, tears and sweat. We have before us an ordeal of the most grievous kind. We have before us many, many long months of struggle and of suffering. You ask, what is our policy? I can say: It is to wage war, by sea, land and air, with all our might and with all the strength that God can give us; to wage war against a monstrous tyranny, never surpassed in the dark, lamentable catalogue of human crime. That is our policy. You ask, what is our aim? I can answer in one word: It is victory, victory at all costs, victory in spite of all terror, victory, however long and hard the road may be; for without victory, there is no survival. I take up my task with buoyancy and hope. I feel sure that our cause will not be suffered to fail among men. At this time I feel entitled to claim the aid of all and to say, “Come then, let us go forward together with our united strength.”

**Performance Task:** Ask students to utilize the evidence they have collected answering Text Dependent Questions to fashion a written response aligned to Writing Standard 2: “Use what you have learned from your close reading of Churchill’s speech to craft a formal essay that explains both his rationale for fighting and his attempt to convince others to agree with his victory at all costs approach. In your essay consider what evidence Churchill emphasizes and structure your writing to highlight your analysis. Your essay should employ correct English usage and mechanics and include clearly organized ideas, transitional language between sections, and a concluding statement.”

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