



# Women History Month

## MARGARET THATCHER

### Reading Comprehension

#### COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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#### COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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DIRECTIONS: CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER.

1. Where was Margaret Thatcher born?
- a) London
  - b) Grantham, Lincolnshire
  - c) Edinburgh
  - d) Cardiff

2. In which year did Margaret Thatcher become Prime Minister of the United Kingdom?

- a) 1975
- b) 1979
- c) 1982
- d) 1987

3. What was one of Margaret Thatcher's political beliefs?

- a) Socialism
- b) Communism
- c) Thatcherism
- d) Keynesianism

4. Which war tested Margaret Thatcher's leadership?

- a) World War II
- b) Gulf War
- c) Falklands War
- d) Cold War

5. What is Thatcherism also known as?

- a) Increased state control
- b) Trade union expansion
- c) Economic liberalism
- d) Isolationist foreign policy

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Thatcher's political career ascended rapidly. After serving as the Secretary of State for Education and Science, she became the leader of the Conservative Party in 1975. In 1979, she made history by leading her party to victory in the general election, subsequently becoming the Prime Minister. Thatcher's leadership style was characterized by her unwavering convictions, economic reforms, and a commitment to reducing the role of the state in the economy.

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- b) 1983 and 1987
- c) 1987 and 1991
- d) 1980 and 1985

7. In which position did Margaret Thatcher serve before becoming Prime Minister?

- a) Chancellor of the Exchequer

## ANSWERS

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THE CORRECT ANSWER

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## ANSWERS

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- 2. a) 1979
- 3. a) Thatcherism
- 4. a) Falklands War
- 5. a) Thatcherism
- 6. b) 1983 and 1987
- 7. a) Secretary of State for Education and Science
- 8. a) The Iron Lady
- 9. b) Conscience and economic reforms
- 10. d) The Falklands War

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# CLOSE READING GRAPHIC ORGNIZERS INCLUDED

**GROUP ACTIVITY**

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WHAT I THINK \_\_\_\_\_

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- ✓ Circle powerful words or phrases.
- ✓ Underline words or phrases you do not understand.
- ✓ Place a question mark next to words or phrases you do not understand.
- ✓ Write an explanation of words or phrases you do not understand.

**SUMMARIZE**

Write a summary of the passage. The main idea should be stated in your first sentence. Then use the four details to write four supporting sentences. Close your summary by restating the main idea.

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**MAIN IDEA**

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SUPPORTING DETAILS #1 \_\_\_\_\_

SUPPORTING DETAILS #2 \_\_\_\_\_

SUPPORTING DETAILS #3 \_\_\_\_\_

**VOCABULARY GRAPHIC ORGNIZER**

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