

## **British Leaders**

### **Liberals**

1. Charles Grey (Whig) secured passage of the Reform Bill of 1832
2. William Gladstone- promoted land distribution to Irish peasants and won passage for the Reform Bill of 1884
3. Herbert Asquith- won passage of the Parliament Act of 1911 and guided Britain at the start of WWI
4. David Lloyd George- fought for Budget of 1909 and led Britain to victory in WWI

### **Conservatives**

1. Robert Peel- ended tariff on grain imports by securing repeal of Corn Laws= lower food costs for British workers
2. Benjamin Disraeli- sponsored Reform Bill of 1867 and expanded British colonial power by acquiring the Suez Canal in 1875
3. Winston Churchill- led nation in WWII
4. Edward Heath- secured agreement for Britain to join the Common Market in 1973
5. Margaret Thatcher- revitalized British economy by privatizing some industries and cutting income taxes

### **Laborites**

1. Ramsey MacDonald- headed first Labor government in 1924- had to depend on Liberal votes for Parliamentary majority
2. Clement Attlee- PM from 1945 to 1951- nationalized electric, coal, and steel industries; began a government program of medical, dental, and hospital service
3. Harold Wilson- 1964 – 1970, 1974 – 1976- lowered voting age in Britain and authorized a referendum in which the British people voted to remain in the Common Market
4. Tony Blair- brought Labor back into power in 1997- pushed for a peace settlement in Northern Ireland, downplayed the welfare state, decentralized British government, and kept Britain's loose ties with the European Union