# Prime Ministers Evidence booklet

Throughout this module, you must note examples from your work in class and your wider reading about each of Prime Ministers below, considering:

- Leadership style (e.g. commanding, dominant, authoritative, consensual, collegial)
- Political context (size of majority; party unity; contemporary events/issues)
- Did they dictate events and set the political agenda, or were they reactive?
- Relationship with the Cabinet
- Were they a successful Prime Minister?

# Margaret Thatcher (1979 – 1990)

Election victories:

Leadership style/characteristics

Political context – (size of majority; party unity; contemporary events/issues)

| Examples demonstrating their ability to dictate events and determine policy | Examples demonstrating their **LACK** of ability to dictate events and determine policy |
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| Examples demonstrating their power over the Cabinet | Examples demonstrating their **LACK** of power over the Cabinet |
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Reason for leaving office

A successful PM?

# John Major (1990 - 1997)

Election victories:

Leadership style/characteristics

Political context – (size of majority; party unity; contemporary events/issues)

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# Tony Blair (1997-2007)

Election victories:

Leadership style/characteristics

Political context – (size of majority; party unity; contemporary events/issues)

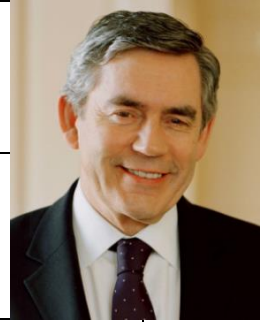| Examples demonstrating their ability to dictate events and determine policy | Examples demonstrating their **LACK** of ability to dictate events and determine policy |
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# Gordon Brown (2007 – 2010)

Election victories:

Leadership style/characteristics

Political context – (size of majority; party unity; contemporary events/issues)

| Examples demonstrating their ability to dictate events and determine policy | Examples demonstrating their **LACK** of ability to dictate events and determine policy |
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# David Cameron (2010 - 2016)

Election victories:

Leadership style/characteristics

Political context – (size of majority; party unity; contemporary events/issues)

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# Theresa May (2016 - 2019)

Election victories:

Leadership style/characteristics

Political context – (size of majority; party unity; contemporary events/issues)

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# **Boris Johnson (2019 - 2022)**

Election victories:

Leadership style/characteristics

Political context – (size of majority; party unity; contemporary events/issues)

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| Examples demonstrating their power over the Cabinet | Examples demonstrating their **LACK** of power over the Cabinet |

Reason for leaving office

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# (Sept 2022 -  Oct 2022 – 44 days)

Election victories:

Leadership style/characteristics

Political context – (size of majority; party unity; contemporary events/issues)

| Examples demonstrating their ability to dictate events and determine policy | Examples demonstrating their **LACK** of ability to dictate events and determine policy |
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| Examples demonstrating their power over the Cabinet | Examples demonstrating their **LACK** of power over the Cabinet |

Reason for leaving office

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# (Oct 2022 - July 2024)

Election victories:

Leadership style/characteristics

Political context – (size of majority; party unity; contemporary events/issues)

| Examples demonstrating their ability to dictate events and determine policy | Examples demonstrating their **LACK** of ability to dictate events and determine policy |
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| Examples demonstrating their power over the Cabinet | Examples demonstrating their **LACK** of power over the Cabinet |

Reason for leaving office

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# (July 2024 - present)

Election victories:

Leadership style/characteristics

Political context – (size of majority; party unity; contemporary events/issues)

| Examples demonstrating their ability to dictate events and determine policy | Examples demonstrating their **LACK** of ability to dictate events and determine policy |
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