

RI 4.6 Compare and Contrast a firsthand and secondhand account of the same event/topic; describe the differences in focus and information

Passage 1

The Life of Winston Churchill

Winston Churchill was born on November 30, 1874, at Blenheim Palace in England. He was not close to his parents. This is because he did not see them very often. The only person he was close to when he was young was his nanny. Her name was Mrs. Elizabeth Everest.

Churchill joined the army in 1893. His father had wanted him to join the infantry. Instead, Churchill stayed with the cavalry. Churchill's father did not like this decision. Churchill spent time in Cuba, India, Egypt, and South Africa. He spent five years out there. During his time in the army, Churchill learned more about politics. He also spent time on his writing. Churchill wrote many books about his time in the army.

After the army, Churchill returned to England. In 1900, Churchill was elected to Parliament. Parliament is a part of the government in England. In 1908, he married Clementine Hozier. They had four children together.

In 1939, World War II started. As the prime minister, Churchill led the British against the German army. His efforts helped bring the end of the war in 1945. This may have been one of his greatest achievements.

In 1965, Churchill became ill. He died in London at age 90. Churchill was known for his military and political career. He was also considered a great writer and artist.

Passage 2

My Life

I was born on November 30, 1874, at Blenheim Palace in England. My parents were Lord Randolph Churchill and Lady Jennie Churchill. I did not see my parents often during my childhood, but I was close with my nanny, Mrs. Everest.

When I was young, I joined the army. I thought it was what my father would have wanted. I realized later, however, that he just did not believe I could be in politics. My time in the army was well spent. I learned about politics and worked on my writing.

I joined Parliament in 1900, but it was not very easy. I lost one time before I finally won. In 1908, I married Clementine. I think that was my greatest achievement.

I led British forces against the Germans in 1939. The Second World War ended in 1945. I will always remember my time in Parliament fondly. I am also interested in writing and painting.

What is the difference between the two passages above?

- A. Passage 1 says Churchill's father wanted Churchill to join the cavalry. Passage 2 says Churchill's father wanted Churchill to join the infantry.
- B. Passage 1 talks about Churchill being close to his parents. Passage 2 talks about Churchill not being close to his parents.
- C. Passage 1 states that Churchill's greatest achievement was helping win World War II. Passage 2 states that Churchill's greatest achievement was marrying his wife.
- D. Passage 1 mentions that joining Parliament was difficult for Churchill. Passage 2 mentions that joining Parliament was easy for Churchill.