1.3.5 WINSTON CHURCHILL SPEECH

WINSTON CHURCHILL'S ZURICH SPEECH 1946

Winston Churchill was an ardent supporter of a federal Europe. Read this excerpt from a speech he made in September 1946. Use your background knowledge as well as analysis of the document to answer the questions that follow:

> *"We must build a kind of United States of Europe."*
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> *"The structure of the United States of Europe, if well and truly built, will be such as to make the material strength of a single state less important. Small nations will count as much as large ones and gain their honor by their contribution to the common cause."*
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> Selections from Winston Churchill's Zurich speech[1]

1. How did Winston Churchill feel about a united Europe?

2. How would a small state be able to be as important as a larger one?

3. What global event had just ended?

4. Why might these words be thought to have a strong link to the creation of the European Union?

[1]Churchill, Winston. (September 19, 1946). The Tragedy of Europe. Zurich, Switzerland.