

**Film Title and Release Date:** *Walking with Destiny* (2010)

**Film Length in Minutes:** 101 minutes

**Film Genre:** Non-fiction

**Reviewer Name/Grade:** Sahil G., 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

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The topic covered in this documentary is the life of Winston Churchill. The information is presented by old videos, pictures, interviews and narration. At the beginning of the documentary, viewers are shown Winston Churchill's actions during WWII. It was his response to what the Nazi party was doing which brought him into the spotlight. Churchill created an alliance with Franklin Roosevelt and Joseph Stalin during the war. This documentary is very balanced. It does not force his ideas onto the viewer, it does quite the opposite. It gives straight and pure facts, without emotions to influence it. Winston was also a great political speaker. He gave speeches to confront Hitler and his Nazi army. Just a few days after one of his speeches addressing Hitler, Poland was conquered by them. When most of Britain's army in France fell, he flew to France to negotiate, but before doing that, he wrote a letter to Franklin Roosevelt, encouraging him to join the war. Roosevelt did not join the war at that point. The U.S. only declared war on Germany after Pearl Harbor was bombed. It took four more years for WWII to come to an end. Winston still worked on the reconstruction of Britain. When Churchill suffered a heart attack in office, he was forced to resign, in 1955. After his resignation he lived in private up until his death.

*How did you find the film on Kanopy?*

I found this film on Kanopy by scrolling through the documentaries section.

*Did the plot or presentation of information keep you interested?*

Yes, it kept me interested by showing me new details of what Winston did in his life to be considered such a great man. For example, this documentary showed how Winston Churchill stood up for Britain and helped rebuild it after the war. He stood up to the Nazis with public speaking and negotiating.

*Was the pace of the film too fast, too slow or just right?*

The film was at a perfect and just right pace for the audience to follow along. It gave much information, but it was spread out enough to retain it well.

*What grade level is this appropriate for?*

This documentary is appropriate for all students from grades 7-12

*4 stars: I enjoyed this film and found it worthwhile to watch*

I give this documentary 4 stars because it is a great source of information and entertainment. It is a little long, and can get boring and off track a few times. Other than that, it is a great documentary. For example, when talking about Churchill's actions during WWII, the document gave great information. Other times it was useless, for example, when talking about bricklaying and how his secretary destroyed his creations and redid it. This piece of information is a hobby he had, but it had no real significance to his lifetime.

