

## THE THATCHER YEARS AND THE MINERS' STRIKE OF 1984 .

### 1. The Thatcher Years. Complete this summary thanks to the suggested link.

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Margaret\\_Thatcher](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Margaret_Thatcher)

**Margaret Thatcher** was the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_. She started as an \_\_\_\_\_ after the 1959 election and became the leader of the \_\_\_\_\_ in 1975.

As a Prime Minister she had to deal with r\_\_\_\_\_ due to the economic crisis. So she started a lot of p\_\_\_\_\_ and reduced i\_\_\_\_\_ t\_\_\_\_\_ while she increased \_\_\_\_\_.

She wanted to reduce the influence of \_\_\_\_\_. This was particularly hard during the \_\_\_\_\_ strikes in \_\_\_\_\_ as shown in *Billy Elliot*.

She was nicknamed – and is still remembered as - “the \_\_\_\_\_”.

She was bestowed upon the title of “\_\_\_\_\_” by the Queen in 1990 and received many other honours such as the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ or the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.

### 2. The miners' strike in 1984. [http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk\\_news/3494024.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/3494024.stm)

#### a. Vocabulary. Skim the text and find out the right translation of the following words by linking them.

ENGLISH	FRENCH
STRIKE	SYNDICAT
TRADE UNION	OUTILS
A PIT	DU CHARBON
COAL	TENIR EN OTAGE
TOOLS	GRÈVE
HOLD TO RANSOM	SCRUTIN
BALLOT	HOUILLIÈRES
COLLIERIES	UNE MINE

**b. Answer the questions clicking on the provided link.**

i. Where was the first pit to go on strike?

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ii. When did it happen? \_\_\_\_\_

iii. How many pits would be closed? \_\_\_\_\_

iv. What would be the consequences on the miners?

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v. What happened a week after the first strike?

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vi. What was the name of the main trade union?

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vii. Why didn't Mrs. Thatcher want to negotiate?

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viii. What was the name of the official state representation in this conflict?

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ix. What were the names of the two antagonist leaders in this conflict?

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x. What were Mrs. Thatcher's first measures against the trade unions?

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xi. What are "flying pickets" (see examples in *Billy Elliot*)

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xii. What happened in Orgreave?

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xiii. When did the movement end?

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xiv. Who was the winner? Why?

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