

# Margaret Thatcher

- The great disrupter who divided a nation?

**For her supporters she was the woman who saved Britain and restored the country's pride and economic fortunes.**

- Regained a global role for Britain
- Forged a new dynamic economic contract that brought power to the people
- Eliminated industrial strife
- In turn, she was rewarded with three electoral victories and 11 years in power

# **To her detractors, the damage she inflicted continues to be felt 30 years on.**

- Opened the doors to materialistic individualism
- Destroyed the country's manufacturing base
- Wounded the unions and in doing so caused irreversible damage to working class communities
- Introduced privatisation and deregulated the city, leading to the economic and banking catastrophes of recent times.

# Thatcher's style of leadership

1. How does Source 2 p107 support the view that Thatcherism reflected true Conservative values?
2. How did the Thatcherites link the economy to moral decline? (p107)
3. How did Thatcherites view order in society? (p108)
4. To what extent was the Conservative Party 'Thatcherite'? (pp108-110)

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