

Abstract

This bachelor thesis focuses on the figure of Anthony Eden and the analysis of his actions during the Suez Crisis when he was the Prime Minister of Britain. The thesis looks at this period through the research questions, which are primarily concerned with whether Eden's actions and decisions were still strongly influenced by traditional British imperial policy and the desire to continue to defend the imperial legacy. The memoirs of this British politician, in particular the book *Full Circle*, were chosen as the main source. The opening part of the thesis focuses on his biography, which helps to identify the main events during his life and the factors that most influenced him. Then follows a chapter exploring Britain's relationship with the Middle East in the years after the Second World War. The next part of the thesis concerns the *Full Circle* memoirs themselves, where the chapters will present the key argument through which Anthony Eden tried to rehabilitate his damaged political reputation, because of the fatal result of the crisis for Britain. In the final section, the thesis focuses on the answer of the main research question, which is how Eden characterised and described his understanding of British imperial history in the context of his own actions during the Suez Crisis. The thesis will also focus on the hypothesis that the actions of the British Prime Minister, were a determination to defend the British position and its influence in the Middle East, and this directly reflected his personal determination to force the persistence of British imperial policy and protect traditional colonial interests. And that even during the ongoing Cold War conflict.