

The Welfare State

In this worksheet, you will answer the following questions concerning the welfare state in Great Britain. You may do your own internet research, or use the websites offered in the More Resources sidebar to answer these questions.

1. The welfare state in Great Britain was established in what year?
2. What British economist laid out the plan for the welfare state?
3. What was the core idea of the welfare plan for Britain after WWII?
4. The welfare plan called for nationalized business and industry. This included what?
5. What was the rationale for nationalizing business?
6. What are the provisions for the National Health Service? How are doctors paid? What do beneficiaries pay?
7. What was the rationale for unemployment insurance?
8. What other provisions were provided in the welfare state (other than healthcare and unemployment insurance)?
9. Describe the problems with the welfare state.
10. Describe the attitudes that led to "The British Disease."
11. In what ways did Margaret Thatcher and the Conservative Party undo the welfare state?
12. Who replaced Margaret Thatcher and for what reason?
13. How did the New Labor Party reform the welfare state?