

**Lord Henry John Temple Palmerston and his role
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Abstract

When we study European history in the nineteenth century , we will find that many important characters have participated in forming this historical period that is characterized by its many important events and whose role and effect is not confined to be on Europe only , but also on the whole world , and more particularly the British politicians since the nineteenth century is distinguished by Great Britain's control over most continents of the world , old and new , and the greatness of Britain and her dominance is attributed to the political group who govern it , who led the country's home and foreign affairs.

We can't study British history without referring to Lord Palmerston , whose influence on British foreign policy had been so great and due to this , I selected this subject to be the topic of

this dissertation that carries the title " Lord Palmerston and his role in British foreign policy 1830-1865 " , and I choose to start from the year 1830 since it was the year in which Palmerston became Great Britain's minister of foreign affairs for the first time on October 1830 and the year 1865 represented the end of Palmerston's life.

The dissertation consists of an introduction , five chapters , a conclusion , a list of references and an abstract .The first chapter is on the social and intellectual biography of Henry John Temple Palmerston before his coming to foreign office 1784 – 1830 . This chapter is divided into two sections . The first one deals with Palmerston's biography and his family 1784-1807 . As for the second section of the first chapter ,It deals with the posts that Palmerston occupied from 1807-1830.

The second chapter , which is under the title , Lord Palmerton as a foreign secretary or minister for the first time from 1830-1834 , shows Palmerston's way of dealing with political issues during this period .

The third chapter is on Palmerston's foreign policy when he held the foreign secretary during Melbourne's government from 1835-1841.

Concerning the fourth chapter , It explains queen Victoria's attitude of Palmerston's foreign policy from 1846-1851, the period in which Palmerston became the foreign secretary for the third time .This chapter is divided into two sections .The first one deals with Lord Palmerston as a foreign minister in William John Russell's government 1846-1851 .The second section deals with Palmerston's disagreement with the Court on his foreign policy from 1846-1851 .This section concentrates on her Majesty's objection or opposition to Palmerston's administration of the foreign office during this period. .

The fifth chapter shows Palmerston's way of dealing with the foreign affairs as he became the government's prime

minister from 1855 – 1865 . It studies the most important events during this period and Palmerston's opinions and attitudes of them.

The dissertation ends with a conclusion that sums up the findings of the study .