Appeasement: Guiding Questions

Document A: Chamberlain
1) (Sourcing) When and where did this speech take place? What was Chamberlain’s goal for the Munich Agreement?

2) (Context) Why might people in England in 1938 have supported appeasement?

3) (Close reading) What did Chamberlain claim England should do while pursuing the policy of appeasement?

Document B: Churchill
1) (Sourcing) When and where did this speech take place? What was Churchill’s purpose?

2) (Close reading) What did Churchill mean when he said that instead of being forced to “snatch” his “victuals from the table,” Hitler had “them served to him course by course”?

3) (Context) In the second paragraph, what did Churchill claim could have prevented Germany from taking the Sudetenland? Did he offer any evidence for this claim?

4) (Context) What did Churchill predict will happen in Czechoslovakia?
Document C: Bartlett
1) (Sourcing) When was this document written? What was Bartlett’s purpose in writing it?

2) (Close reading) What did Bartlett claim Hitler would have done if Chamberlain had “stood firm” and not pursued appeasement? What, if any, evidence did Bartlett offer to support this claim?

3) (Context) What point did Bartlett make about the British and Czechoslovakian armies?

Document D: Channon
1) (Sourcing/Context) When was this document written? What had just happened?

2) (Context) Why did Channon claim appeasement was the right policy? What, if any, evidence did he use to back this claim?

Document E: Lord Halifax
1) (Source) When was this document written? What was Halifax’s purpose for writing it?

2) (Context) Why did Halifax claim appeasement was the right policy? What, if any, evidence did he use to back this claim?