

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?