YEAR 11 HASS

# Source Analysis

Analyse and evaluate historical sources (Modern History)

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## Source A

'We must make our country a great arsenal of democracy. For us this is an emergency as serious as war itself.'
— US President Franklin D. Roosevelt, radio broadcast ('fireside chat'), 29 December 1940

**Match each analysis term to its meaning.**

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| **1.** | Provenance | **a)** | checking a source against other evidence |
| **2.** | Context | **b)** | the events and conditions surrounding a source |
| **3.** | Perspective | **c)** | origin: who, when, where and how |
| **4.** | Usefulness | **d)** | how helpful a source is for a specific question |
| **5.** | Corroboration | **e)** | the point of view shaped by the creator's background |

**Choose the best answer about Source A.**

**6.** Source A is a...
ⓐ fictional source ⓑ primary source ⓒ secondary source

**7.** When Roosevelt spoke, the USA was...
ⓐ already at war with Japan ⓑ defeated ⓒ not yet at war but supplying Britain

**8.** 'Arsenal of democracy' means the USA would...
ⓐ stay neutral and trade with everyone
ⓑ produce weapons and supplies for democracies fighting the Axis
ⓒ invade Germany immediately

**9.** The purpose of the broadcast was mainly to...
ⓐ entertain ⓑ persuade Americans to support aid to Britain ⓒ declare war

**Write your answer.**

**10.** Explain the context of Source A.

**11.** Evaluate the usefulness of Source A for a study of US foreign policy in 1940–41.


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4. d) how helpful a source is for a specific question
5. a) checking a source against other evidence

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6. b) primary source
7. c) not yet at war but supplying Britain
8. b) produce weapons and supplies for democracies fighting the Axis
9. b) persuade Americans to support aid to Britain

**Write your answer.**

10. By late 1940 Germany controlled much of Europe and Britain stood almost alone; many Americans favoured isolationism.
11. Very useful as a direct statement of the President's aims and persuasive strategy, but limited: it shows public rhetoric, not private decision-making or public opinion.



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