

The Blitz of London

Document #1 (Subways)

1. Why would the subway provide them with the most shelter?
2. Why would living in these subways with other British citizens lead to increased nationalism?

Document #2 (The Walk to Work)

3. Why did people walk to work each day even during the Blitz? What does this show about the spirit of the British people?
4. What emotions would these workers feel as they worked to their jobs each day?

Document #3 (Effects on the People)

5. Describe the emotion of how this bombing would take its toll on the children.
6. Why do you think the people in the top image are smiling? Why would keeping cherished possessions help them maintain positivity?

Document #4 (The Destruction)

7. How did the Blitz affect the city as a whole? How would it affect the economy and businesses?

Document #5 (Winston Churchill)

8. Why was it important that this important British church (monument) was still standing even during the Blitz?
9. How would this quote by Churchill help the British keep a strong mindset and not fear Hitler?

Thinking Ahead:

10. How would this help British nationalism by not surrendering? Explain how it would help impact both the citizens and the soldiers.

A Childhood in London: John Dawkins

1. After reading the first paragraph – what could be the emotion that was being felt by most Londoners during this time? Why?
2. How did the British use propaganda in World War II? Explain two examples.
3. Describe the story at the end and the change in the emotion of the families. Why were they so upbeat even when hearing the air raid siren? Why did their emotion change so quickly when they realized the bombs dropped?
4. **MAKE A PREDICTION:** Why was this a shock to Hitler that Britain didn't quit after all the bombing? How would this negatively impact his self-esteem towards the war?