Worksheet 10.1

The sinking of the General Belgrano

Please watch this highly dramatic interview with Margaret Thatcher.

1 Who do you think comes out the better from the argument between Mrs Gould and Mrs Thatcher? Give reasons for your answer.

2 Looking at the Falklands War in hindsight, and doing some of your own research, do you think that the sinking of the Belgrano was justified, at least on the basis of information at the time?

3 Mrs Thatcher states that the eventual release of official documents 30 years after the sinking will validate her decision to destroy the Belgrano. Do you think that this is a good argument? For what reasons would you a) agree or b) disagree that the public and media should be less informed than the government officials during wartime?