Worksheet 10.2

Patriotism in the Falklands War

On 12 October 1982, London hosted a parade to ‘salute the Task Force’ following the British victory in the Falklands War. Watch some of the TV coverage of this event [here](#).

As you watch, ask yourself the following questions.

1. Do you think that patriotism has to be present to some degree if a nation is to fight a war?

2. Why, do you think, did the British nation experience such intense patriotism during the Falklands War? You will be able to answer this question more fully if you do some background research into the economic and social conditions of Britain in the early 1980s.

3. What are the value and limitations of this programme for an historian studying the Falklands War? Is it just simple propaganda, or are there important truths about the conflict embedded in the narrative, testimonies and images?