Worksheet 6.2

Appeasement

View this documentary on the German takeover of the Sudetenland, and this second documentary which includes clips of Neville Chamberlain speaking about the Munich agreement.

Having watched the documentaries, answer the following questions:

1. What were the key reasons why Hitler was able to take over the Sudetenland without dramatic international reaction?

2. How do both documentaries assess the role of Chamberlain? Do you think that their representations are fair?

3. What was Chamberlain’s basic motivation to pursue a policy of appeasement?

Now listen to Chamberlain’s radio speech made on the 3rd September 1939, stating Britain’s declaration of war against Germany.

- Does the speech change any of your answers above?