

A) Study Documents A & B. How useful are documents A & B to an historian examining the origins of the Cold War, 1945-9?

From Stettin in the Baltic, to Trieste in the Adriatic, an Iron Curtain has descended across the continent. Behind that line lie all the capitals of the ancient states of central and eastern Europe- Warsaw, Berlin, Prague, Vienna, Budapest, Belgrade, Bucharest and Sofia. All these famous cities and the populations around them lie in the Soviet sphere and are subject to a very high and increasing control from Moscow...The Russian-dominated Polish government has been encourage to make enormous and wrongful inroads upon Germany and mass expulsions of millions of Germans on a scale grievous and undreamed of are now taking place. The Communist parties which were very small in all these eastern states of Europe have been raised to pre-eminence and power far beyond their numbers are seeking everywhere to obtain totalitarian control...**This is most certainly the liberated Europe we fought for. Nor does it contain the essentials for a successful and sustained peace.**

Document A: Extract from Winston Churchill's 'Sinews of Peace' speech, delivered in Missouri, USA in 1946.

Document A is a document by a famous British politician, Winston Churchill. Because he was Prime Minister, Churchill understood perfectly what was going on in Europe at the time and why the Cold War was happening. Churchill said that an Iron Curtain was descending and that Stalin wanted to control everyone and take away all of their freedom. This shows that the Soviet Union was to blame, because they were the ones who were invading Europe at a time when everyone just wanted peace. Churchill was therefore right to have warned the world about this and the document is therefore very useful. The one problem with the document is that it is quite biased, but overall, it is definitely more useful than not.

Why is this a terrible document analysis? Label all of the key features which make it RUBBISH

