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HISTORY

**Paper 1 Section B/B: Conflict and tension: the
inter-war years, 1918–1939**

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SOURCE A for use in answering Question 01

SOURCES B and C for use in answering Question 02

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SOURCE A

A cartoon published in Britain in 1919 entitled ‘Peace and Future Cannon Fodder’.

The cartoon shows four well-dressed men passing a pillar behind which a naked child is leaning on a wall with its head in its hands. The child is labelled ‘1940 Class’ and there is a piece of paper labelled ‘Peace Treaty’ at the foot of the pillar. The child is not seen by the men but the man in front has turned to look towards the pillar. The text at the foot of the cartoon is ‘The Tiger: “Curious! I seem to hear a child weeping!”’

The figures represent the leaders of Britain, Italy, France and the USA.

Cannon Fodder means men that will be killed in battle. ‘The Tiger’ was a nickname for Clemenceau.

PEACE AND FUTURE CANNON FODDER



The Tiger: "Curious! I seem to hear a child weeping!"

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SOURCE B

Winston Churchill speaking in the House of Commons in October 1938 after the Munich Conference. Churchill was a leading British politician.

Appeasement has been totally defeated. The Munich agreement has abandoned Czechoslovakia. This is a disaster for Great Britain and France. There can never be friendship between British democracy and an aggressive, pitiless and murderous Nazi government. The danger still exists and now we will pay the price for pursuing good intentions, avoiding a fight and neglecting our air defences.

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SOURCE C

A British cartoon published in September 1939 commenting on the Nazi-Soviet Pact.

The cartoon shows Hitler and Stalin raising their caps and bowing to each other across a figure lying face down on the ground.

Hitler is saying, "The scum of the earth, I believe?" Stalin is saying, "The bloody assassin of the workers, I presume?" The figure on the ground represents Poland.



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