

Who were the British Union of Fascists?

As instructed by your teacher, work through this worksheet in pairs, each person completing their own worksheet. Discuss each question before writing your answers.

Task 1

List three problems facing Britain in the 1930s.

1.

2.

3.

Task 2

Source A – "Hurrah for the Blackshirts" (Daily Mail. Monday, January 15th, 1934)

What does this article suggest about attitudes towards the BUF?

Task 3

On the Source sheet, read Sources B to F from BUF members about their motivations for joining Mosley's Blackshirts and then answer the questions below.

1. What are the reasons given for joining the BUF?
2. Why might these sources from ordinary members be more useful in explaining why people joined than a source from Mosley would be?

Task 4

Complete the table

Reasons why someone might support the BUF	Evidence supporting the reason
Economic	
Political	
Social	

Task 5

Making a judgement. **Which reason best explains BUF support?** Write a paragraph answering this question using the structure below:

One reason for support for the British Union of Fascists is ... because

Another reason for support is ... because... .

Other people had different reasons for their support. For example,

In my opinion, the reason that best explains support for the BUF is, ... because... .

