

Why did the planned BUF march cause such strong reactions?

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

Study Sources A and B on your Worksheet Sources sheet and answer the questions below.

1. Where was the march due to begin?
2. Which areas would it pass through?
3. The BUF was founded in Chelsea (West London) and its headquarters was in Westminster (Central London). Is there anything in these sources which suggest why the march was planned for *East* London?

Task 2

Read the petition (Source C) and answer the questions that follow.

1. Who produced it?
2. Why was it written?
3. What concerns did local people have?
4. What does the source tell us about support for the BUF?

Task 3

Using what you have learnt, and sources D – G on your Source sheet, summarise the various responses to the BUF in the table below.

Group	What was their approach towards the BUF?
Board of Deputies of British Jews	
Labour Party	
Independent Labour Party	
Communist Party (& Young Communist League)	
Home Office & Home Secretary	
Metropolitan Police	

Task 4

Write two short paragraphs, one on why the BUF chose to march through the East End, and the other summing up the range of responses. You should mention location, politics, community tensions and use evidence from the sources.