

### Source A

Down came the bombs. You could hear the HEs (high explosive) going over the top with a low whistling sound. After a moment or two they started in with the incendiaries and dropped a Molotov over the docks. There was fire in every direction. The City was turned into an enormous, loosely-stacked furnace, belching black smoke.

London Air Raid Warden, speaking in

### Source B

The British nation is stirred and moved as it never has been at any time in its long and famous history, and they mean to conquer or to die. What a triumph the life of these battered cities is over the worst that fire and bomb can do!

.....This, indeed, is a grand, heroic period of our history, and the light of glory shines upon all.

Winston Churchill, broadcast 27 April 1941

### Source C

I just went down to the Post an' when I came back my street was as flat as this 'ere wharfside – there was just my 'ouse like – well, part of my 'ouse. My missus was just making me a cup of tea for when I came 'ome. She were in the passage between the kitchen and the wash-'ouse, where it blowed 'er. She were burnt right up to 'er waist. 'Er legs were just two cinders... and 'er face... The only thing I could recognize 'er by was one of 'er boots...

I'd 'ave lost fifteen 'omes if I could 'ave kept my missus.

Hull Air Raid Warden

### Source E

All reports from London are agreed that the population is seized by fear. The Londoners have completely lost their self-control.

Nazi-controlled French radio, 18 September 1940

### Source D

It has started! If they keep this up for another week, the war will be over. The East End won't be able to stand much more of this sort of thing. What's more, the Fire Brigade won't be able to stand much more of it either. This is the first leave I've had since Thursday...

**Source F** - This photograph, published in the Daily Mail in December 1940



**Source G** - A photograph from 1941 of bus which had fallen into the crater of a bomb which blasted through the roof of an underground railway station.

