Czechoslovakian Crisis Primary Source Worksheet

*Using the primary sources provided by your teacher, answer the following questions about what you have read.*

**Excerpt From “Two Thousand Words that Belongs to Workers, Farmers, Officials, Scientists, Artists, and Everybody” Questions**

1. The manifesto states that the first threat to Czechoslovakian national life came from ‘the war’. What war is being referenced?

2. According to the document, what was the Czechoslovakian’s first reaction to the Soviet takeover? What went wrong?

3. What are the Czechoslovakians demanding in the manifesto?

4. What do the Czechoslovakians fear will happen because of their demands?

5. Who was the manifesto written for? Who was it written by?

6. Do you think the Czechoslovakians wanted to split with the Soviet Union or just reform their government?

**Sergei Kovalev, The International Obligations of Socialist Countries Questions**

1. Why does the document say that the Soviet Union is being criticized for using force in Czechoslovakia?

2. How does the Soviet Union justify their use of force against Czechoslovakia?

3. Paraphrase the following passage, *“There is no doubt that the peoples of the socialist countries and the Communist parties have and must have freedom to determine their country's path of development. However, any decision of theirs must damage neither socialism in their own country, nor the fundamental interests of the other socialist countries, nor the worldwide workers' movement, which is waging a struggle for socialism.”* Do you think this is a contradiction?

4. How many allied Socialist nations invaded Czechoslovakia in 1968?

5. According to the last paragraph, why did the Soviets and the Warsaw Pact invade Czechoslovakia? Do you believe them?