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<td>Reforms = Free elections. Fair trials. Soviet army out. Land to farmers.</td>
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The Hungarian Uprising - doomed to fail?

**Mission:** Analyse, evaluate + compare sources to find out what happened during the Hungarian uprising.

"I have been the witness today of one of the great events of history ... the people of Budapest come out into the streets in open rebellion against their Soviet overlords. I have marched with them as the Soviet emblems were torn out by angry and exalted crowds. And the point about the rebellion is that it looks like being successful. I can hear the roar of delirious crowds made up of student girls and boys, of Hungarian soldiers still wearing their Russian-type uniforms, marching through Budapest and shouting defiance against Russia. 'Send the Red Army home,' they roar, 'We want free and secret elections' 'Death to Rakosi.' - whom the crowds blame for all the ills that have befallen their country in eleven years of Soviet puppet rule. But the fantastic and, to my mind, really super-ingenious feature of this national rising against the Hammer and Sickle, is that it is being carried on under the protective red mantle of pretended Communist orthodoxy. Gigantic portraits of Lenin are being carried at the head of the marchers. The purged ex-Premier Imre Nagy, who only in the last couple of weeks has been readmitted to the Hungarian Communist Party, is the rebels' chosen champion and the leader whom they demand must be given charge of a new free and independent Hungary".

Reporter Sefton Delmer—sent his account of the uprising to the newspaper the London Daily Express, in 1956.

‘We have almost no weapons, no heavy guns of any kind. People are running up to the tanks, throwing in hand grenades and closing the drivers’ windows. The Hungarian people are not afraid of death. It is only a pity that we cannot last longer. Now the firing is starting again. The tanks are coming nearer and nearer. You can’t let people attack tanks with their bare hands. What are the United Nations doing?’

A teletext sent by Hungarian rebels.

‘On my way home I saw a little girl propped up against a doorway of a building with a machine gun clutched in her hands. When I tried to move her I saw that she was dead. She couldn’t have been more than eleven or twelve years old. There was a neatly folded note in her pocket she had evidently meant for someone on through someone to her parents. In a childish scrawl it read : Dear Mama, Brother is dead. He asked me to ake care of his gun. I am alight and I am going with friends now. I kiss you. Kati’.

Laszlo Beke, October 27th, 1956.
Hungarian student.
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Review - the who, when, what and where of the Hungarian Revolt

Create a timeline, a simple storyboard, sketches, add new vocab or something else of your choice.

People involved -

New vocabulary -

Any questions? -
Source skills option: Analyse, compare, interpret and evaluate.

What is the main point or message of source A?

Provide a sub point or message from source A

How similar are the MAIN messages from sources B and C? (Explain answer)

How similar are the sub messages from sources B and C? (Explain answer)

What is the message of source D?

Give an example from source B, C or D that corroborates (supports) source A.

Give an example from source B, C or D that does NOT corroborate (support) source A.

How reliable is source A? Score then explain your reason (Not Reliable 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Reliable)
Causes of the Hungarian Uprising

Uprising Causes

Response of the Soviets

Why the West stayed out

Also involved ...

The Uprising

NAGY

GERO

Khrushchev

Kadar
The Cartoon About Three Men and a Book.

**Mission:** to explain the meaning of the political cartoon using the DEC process.

**Message summary of the cartoon** (write this AFTER completing DEC process)

**Describe the main features of the cartoon.**

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**Explain what each of these features means / represents**

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**Context: what historical event is this cartoon about?**

**Reliable or Not?** (circle a score below)

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