Worksheet: Analyzing Primary Document E

Follow this link to the digital Helen Keller Archive: “Helen Keller's speech to delegates of the new Woman's Party in Chicago endorsing suffrage movement, June 11, 1916.” Read the speech and answer the questions below.

**Sourcing**
To whom is Helen Keller speaking? When?

**Close Reading**
What is Keller’s opinion of the suffrage movement?

What is Keller’s opinion of its opponents? How does she discredit arguments against suffrage?

Identify and summarize the two most important arguments made in this speech.
**Contextualization**
What unfamiliar names, events, or ideas does Keller refer to in her speech? What topics would you need to learn more about in order to more fully understand her letter? Consult your teacher to find additional information.

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**Rhetoric and Analysis**
Choose two passages in the text you find compelling and explain why you chose them.

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Identify one rhetorical device used in the speech. How does Keller use it to persuade her audience?