Worksheet: Analyzing Primary Document F

Follow this link to the digital Helen Keller Archive: “Speech given by Helen Keller in favor of women's suffrage entitled 'Why Woman Wants to Vote.' 1920.” Read the speech and answer the questions below.

Sourcing
When was this speech written? Why is this significant?

Close Reading
What is Helen Keller’s opinion of women’s suffrage? Why must women be enfranchised?

What future does Keller envision once women can vote?

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.

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

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