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Option 1D: Britain, c1785–c1870: democracy, protest and reform

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Extracts for use with Section C.

Extract 1: From Michael Taylor, *The Interest: How the British Establishment Resisted the Abolition of Slavery*, published 2020.

Under the repressive rule of Pitt's Tories, and in the context of the execution of Louis XVI in France, anything that threatened the social order and the safety of property was labelled revolutionary. As a consequence, after the abolitionists' third bill was rejected in 1793, the abolitionists were forced into inactivity.

However, the political climate that had equated abolition with treason in 1793 changed again in 1805. Abolition could now be used as a patriotic weapon. Nelson's victory at Trafalgar, and the failed attempts to subdue the slave rebellion in Haiti, meant that France was no longer seen as a threat to Britain's West Indian colonies. Abolition would allow Britain to show moral superiority over the pro-slavery Napoleon. With Lord Grenville leading the liberal coalition known as the Ministry of All the Talents the abolitionists tried again.

This time the humanitarianism of the abolitionists coincided with British imperial interests and the bill to abolish the slave trade was passed by a landslide of two hundred and eighty-three votes for abolition with just sixteen against. Curiously, given the fierce resistance that Wilberforce had faced for twenty years, abolition was celebrated as the triumph of the whole nation.

Extract 2: From Eric Williams, *Capitalism and Slavery*, published 1944.

To disregard the humanitarianism that destroyed the slave trade would be a serious historical error. It would ignore one of the greatest propaganda movements of all time. The abolitionists were the humanitarian spearhead of the attack on the slave trade.

The abolitionists were a brilliant group of campaigners. Thomas Clarkson personified the best of the humanitarianism of the age. He was a tireless worker who conducted endless and dangerous researches into the conditions and consequences of the slave trade. Clarkson was also a prolific pamphleteer whose history of the abolition movement is still a classic.

William Wilberforce, despite a certain smugness, was a persuasive and eloquent speaker with a melodious voice, which earned him the description of 'the nightingale of the House'. His reputation for saintliness and selflessness was a powerful factor in his leadership of the parliamentary crusade.

Along with others like Macaulay, Wesley, Thornton and Brougham, these men raised abolitionism to the status of a religion. They were likened to 'hyenas' and 'tigers' by the planters, but were more popularly referred to as 'the Saints'.

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