

Question 5

The introduction of the Third Home Rule Bill in the House of Commons led to the “Home Rule Crisis”, 1912-1914. Study the source below and answer the questions which follow.

Source 1: Extracts from speeches by party leaders in the House of Commons, 11 April 1912.



H. H. Asquith

This Bill will give to the Irish people an opportunity for the development of their own national life. At the same time, it will bind them to us and the Empire by a sense of voluntary cooperation and loyal attachment.



Edward Carson

The proposals that we have heard here today are absolutely unworkable and ridiculous. My party has a duty to oppose this Bill with all the energy we can. We believe it to be a fatal Bill for our country.



John Redmond

This is a great historical occasion. I thank God that I have lived to see this day. I believe this Bill will turn Ireland into a happy and prosperous country, with a united, loyal, and contented people.

(a) Fill in the names of the leaders in the box below.

Name of leader	Role in parliament
	Leader of the Unionist Party
	Leader of the Home Rule Party (Irish Parliamentary Party)
	Prime Minister and leader of the Liberal Party

(b) Insert a tick (✓) for each party leader to indicate whether he was for or against Home Rule.

H. H. Asquith	Edward Carson	John Redmond
For Home Rule <input type="checkbox"/>	For Home Rule <input type="checkbox"/>	For Home Rule <input type="checkbox"/>
OR	OR	OR
Against Home Rule <input type="checkbox"/>	Against Home Rule <input type="checkbox"/>	Against Home Rule <input type="checkbox"/>

(c) Using **Source 1**, explain how you know that each leader was either for or against Home Rule.

H. H. Asquith:
Edward Carson:
John Redmond:

