Guiding Questions

Document A: Newspaper

1. (Sourcing) Who seems to be providing the information included in this article?

   How might the sources for the article influence the content of the article?

2. Based on this document, what was the purpose of the Carlisle School?

Document B: Richard H. Pratt

1. (Sourcing) Who was Richard H. Pratt?

2. (Close Reading) What was Pratt’s attitude toward Native Americans? Provide evidence from the document to support your claim.

3. (Close Reading) What do you think Pratt meant when he said, “Kill the Indian in him, and save the man”? Find two examples from the document showing how the Carlisle Indian Industrial School tried to accomplish this.
4. (Contextualization) How were Pratt’s goals for the Carlisle School similar to previous federal policies of removing Native American tribes from their lands and waging war against them? How were they different?

5. Based on this document, what was the purpose of the Carlisle School?

Document C: Ellis B. Childers

1. (Sourcing) Who was Ellis B. Childers? What kind of document is this?

2. (Close Reading) What was Childers’s tone regarding the teachers at Carlisle? Provide evidence from the document to support your claim.

3. (Contextualization) This article was written in the official school newspaper. How might that have influenced what Childers wrote?

4. (Corroboration) How does the description of the Carlisle Indian Industrial School in this document compare with the description in Document B? Provide two or three similarities or differences.
5. Based on this document, what was the purpose of the Carlisle School?

Document D: Luther Standing Bear

1. (Sourcing) Who was Luther Standing Bear?

2. (Close Reading) What were some of the changes the Carlisle teachers forced Luther Standing Bear and his fellow students to make?

According to Luther Standing Bear, what happened as a result of these changes?

3. (Corroboration) How does Luther Standing Bear's description of the Carlisle School compare to Ellis Childers's description?

4. Based on this document, what was the purpose of the Carlisle School?