



Should we believe everything we see and read?

Make notes on two different sources using the guidelines below.

	Name of source: Date produced: Primary/Secondary Source	Name of source: Date produced: Primary/Secondary Source
1. Provenance: the background to the source		
What type of source is it? (e.g. letter, newspaper, pamphlet, etc)		
When was it produced? (Think about how close this date is to the event you are researching)		
Who created it? (Think about the values or assumptions they might have and how these might influence the source)		
Where was it created? (Think about the conditions they created it in)		
Why was it created? (Think about the <i>intended audience</i> for this source)		
2. Content: what you can see in the source		
What is the topic of the source?		
What are the main points?		
Is the source positive or negative ? (Think about how you can tell)		
What is the tone of the source? Pick out key words to support this.		
3. Inference: <i>What you can see + what you already know = what you can learn</i>		
What do already know about this period or topic?		
Does this source support your own knowledge? (Think about <i>how</i>)		
What new things can you infer (learn) from the source?		
4. Conclusion: what you have learnt		
What are the three main points that you have learnt from this source?		
Can the source be trusted as a true reflection of events?		
Compare the two sources. Write your observations .		
How would these sources be used?		