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LO: To understand the usefulness of sources.

A **primary source** is a source of evidence that was created at the time for example, books written at the time, artefacts, art work at the time.



A **secondary source** is a source which is created after the time e.g. history books written after the time, photographs after the time, TV shows after the time.

When historians look at a primary or secondary source they need to decide whether it is good to use or not. They do that by looking at 3 things...

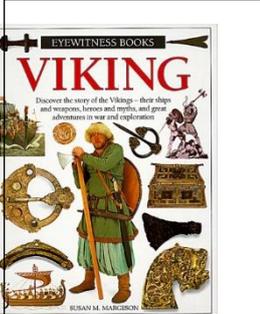
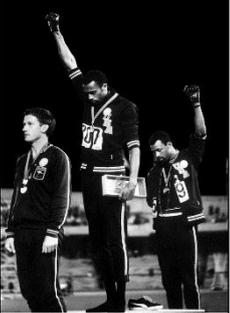
Relevant - is it about what you are studying?

Reliable - can you trust it?

Rich - has it got lots of information?

Activity

Can you split a page in your homework book into 2 and then sort these sources into primary or secondary? Can you then answer the questions?

Primary	Secondary
 <p data-bbox="105 723 475 813">Viking tapestry</p>	 <p data-bbox="853 766 1061 813">Book about the Vikings</p>
 <p data-bbox="491 779 742 936">Viking helmet</p>	 <p data-bbox="1109 766 1369 936">Non-fiction book on the Vikings</p>
 <p data-bbox="113 1216 475 1261">Viking stone artwork</p>	 <p data-bbox="853 1272 1061 1406">Viking artwork drawn in 2019</p>
 <p data-bbox="512 1256 742 1406">Photo of black power salute</p>	 <p data-bbox="1141 1301 1453 1406">Cartoon on the Vikings</p>

- Can you name one source you think is relevant to us studying the Vikings?
Horrible histories book, Viking tapestry, Viking helmet, Viking stone art, Non-fiction book on Vikings, Viking artwork in 2019
- Can you name a source that isn't relevant to us studying the Vikings?
Photograph of black power salute
- Can you name a source that you think is reliable?
Non-fiction book on Vikings, Viking helmet, Horrible Histories book
- Can you name a source that may be unreliable?
Cartoon on Vikings, Viking artwork drawn in 2019
- Can you name a source that you think is rich?
Non-fiction book on Vikings, Horrible Histories book