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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



Book about the Vikings



Viking tapestry



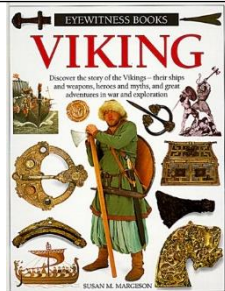
Viking helmet



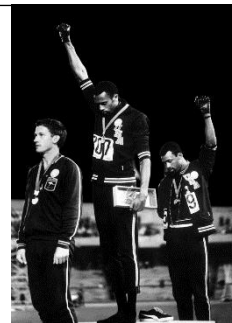
Cartoon on the Vikings



Viking stone art



Non-fiction book on the Vikings



Photograph of black power salute



Viking artwork drawn in 2019

1. Can you name one source you think is relevant to us studying the Vikings?
2. Can you name a source that isn't relevant to us studying the Vikings?
3. Can you name a source that you think is reliable?
4. Can you name a source that may be unreliable?
5. Can you name a source that you think is rich?



Challenge: Can you explain why?