

Unit 1, Lesson 4 Vocab!

How do historians create accounts of past events?



corroborate

to confirm or give support
to a statement, theory,
or finding



Example: Historians corroborate their sources by looking for internal and external consistencies.

Do I understand this term?

- I could teach it!
- I understand it!
- I need more practice! _____

evidence

Facts or information that can be used to test whether a belief or proposition is true or valid



Example: Historians must have evidence to support their accounts.

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primary source

first hand accounts of the event that was created at about the time the event occurred



Example: diaries, letters, reports, photographs, and birth certificates are a few types of primary sources.

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secondary source

an account of an event that was created later by people who did not experience first-hand the event you are researching



Example: Encyclopedia articles, books written by historians, and textbooks are three types of secondary sources.

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fact

something that is true about a subject and can be tested

$10 + 9 =$	19
$2 + 3 =$	5
$8 + 8 =$	16
$4 + 7 =$	11
$1 + 5 =$	6

Example: It is a fact that Michigan requires kids to go to school until they are at least 16.

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opinion

what someone thinks about a subject



Example: The opinion article in the newspaper argued that Michigan should raise the minimum drop-out age from 16-18.

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internal consistency

when the facts presented
within a single source do not
clash with each other



Example: There was internal consistency in the document because it first stated that the car accident happened at 10 AM and then later stated that it happened between breakfast and lunch.

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external consistency

When factual details are presented similarly among multiple documents or sources



Example: There was external consistency among the documents because one witness report stated that the blue truck ran the red light while another witness report stated that the light had been red for a while when the blue truck entered the intersection.

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