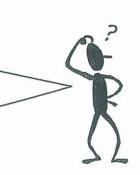
## Origin, Purpose, Value and Limitation

Remember to cross-reference its value and limitation in relation to the origin and purpose of the source NOT the views or the message of the source.



Who is the artist? Who paid him to draw it? Why is he drawing it? When did he paint it? Is

it a real scene?



ORIGIN	PURPOSE
When was it produced? When was it produced? What is the historical context? What was happening at the time the source was produced?  Where was it produced? censored / propaganda, archives open?  What type of source is it? Oral Picture – cartoon, portrait, photo Written - speech (public), letter, diary (private) Figures – statistics Etc  Who produced it is important too. Government Opposition / political party Enemy / friend Academic Statesman	What is the authors' purpose / motive in producing this source? <b>NOT</b> what is the message of the source.  To make you believe something To change your opinion about something To mislead you To make you support a certain ideology To inform you / educate you To brainwash you To justify an (un)popular) action etc
VALUE of ORIGIN	VALUE of PURPOSE
It was written after the archives were opened (important that you recognize the date)	Motive of author would therefore probably be to educate once they'd had access to more material
The writer works for a reputable	The writer would want to educate his

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newspaper	readers rather than sensationalize events.
The writer is an eyewitness	The writer would want to report what he saw
It is written with the benefit of hindsight	It is written with the benefit of hindsight
The author is a reputable commentator on	The author is a reputable commentator on
events from this time	events from this time
It is representative ofviews at the time	The views are therefore likely to represent official policy
The author would have had access to	The author would want to use his
official papers and documents	extensive knowledge to present an objective view of events
If it is written by a party official / president	The value of the purpose of this source
/ head of state it is likely to be official	would be that it gives us a valuable insight
party policy	into what wanted us to believe at the time.
Sources can give the reader valuable	This allows us to understand why the
insight into the mind of the author	author wrote the source.
LIMITATION of ORIGIN	LIMITATION OF PURPOSE
It is a speech so may be a justification and	If it is a speech it may be used to 'justify'
therefore cannot be taken at face value	something – check the motive of author
	(propaganda etc)
The style of writing is journalistic	The authors' purpose is probably to
	sensationalize events so therefore probably
	not very accurate account of what
	happened
It was written long after the events that it	The author might not remember events as
describes (eyewitness)	they happened or could be selective with
	information
Lack of sympathy with the subject of the	This would make you question the motive
source	of the author.
The writers political views are not known	What is the motive of the author?
The source is written as an official history	It's the official history ofso it may not be
	totally objective
The book is a compilation of events	It is a compilation so the author would
	have been selective in the use of evidence
	Does it exaggerate or fail to mention
	something?
Where did the information come from?	Statistics and figures may not be reliable
NO points for these comments unless they are developed	
Primary evidence, secondary evidence	Secondary evidence, biased