

# Types of Sources

Historians use sources to answer questions about the past & support their conclusions.

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## CONTEMPORARY SOURCE

First-hand original information from the time period.

**Examples:**  
diaries, letters, photographs, artefacts, audio & video recordings

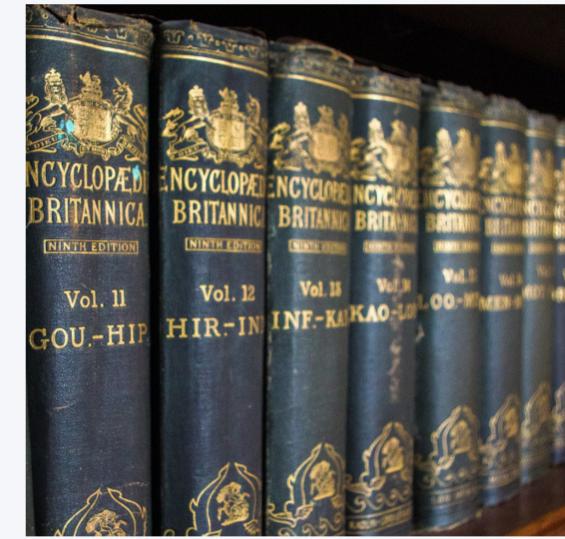


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## INTERPRETATIONS

An attempt to portray and/or make meaning of the past event using evidence.

**Examples:**  
textbooks, TV programmes, plays & encyclopaedias



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## ORAL SOURCE

Original spoken accounts of the past event.

**Examples:**  
speeches, songs, audio recordings & interviews

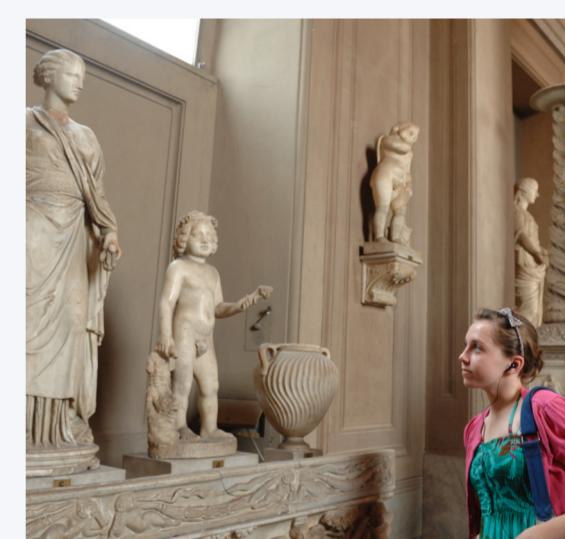


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## VISUAL SOURCE

Image of the event which can be seen.

**Examples:**  
paintings, photographs, maps & sculptures



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## WRITTEN SOURCE

Written account or record of the past event.

**Examples:**  
legal documents, newspaper articles, letters, poetry & diaries.



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## PHYSICAL SOURCE

Original artefacts from the past event.

**Examples:**  
equipment, clothing, pottery & jewels

