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Resource

## Historical Thinking Skills

Historical Thinking	Questions to ask yourself
<b>Sourcing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Who wrote this? What is the author's point of view?</li><li>• When was it written? What else do we know about the historical context?</li><li>• Who is the intended audience?</li><li>• What was the author's purpose for making it?</li></ul>
<b>Comparison</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What is similar about these accounts?</li><li>• What is different about these accounts?</li><li>• Why are these accounts similar or different?</li><li>• How does sourcing lead to these similarities and differences?</li></ul>
<b>Corroboration</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What do other documents say?</li><li>• Do the documents agree? If not, why?</li><li>• What are other possible documents?</li><li>• What documents are the most reliable?</li></ul>
<b>Contextualization</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• When and where was the document created?</li><li>• What was different at that time?</li><li>• What was the same as now?</li><li>• How might the circumstances in which the document was created affect its content?</li></ul>
<b>Causation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What was the outcome of this event?</li><li>• What were all of the causes?</li><li>• Which cause or causes immediately led to the outcome?</li><li>• Which cause or causes were underlying?</li></ul>