

# HISTORICAL SOURCES INQUIRY ORGANISER

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Topic/Focus: \_\_\_\_\_

## 1 INQUIRY QUESTION

What do I want to find out?

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## 2 BACKGROUND KNOWLEDGE

What do I already know about this topic?

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## 3 IDENTIFY THE SOURCES

List the historical sources you will investigate.

SOURCE	TYPE OF SOURCE	WHO CREATED IT?	WHEN WAS IT CREATED?	WHERE DID IT COME FROM?
Written				
Visual				
Oral/Audio				
Object/Artefact				
Digital/Online				

## 4 ANALYSE THE SOURCES

For each source, think about:

**WHAT IS IT?**  
What information does the source provide?

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**WHO AND WHY?**  
Who created it and why might they have done so?

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**HOW RELIABLE?**  
How reliable or trustworthy is this source?

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**WHAT DOES IT TELL US?**  
What does this source tell us about the past?

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## 5 SYNTHESISE AND CONCLUDE

**WHAT DID I FIND OUT?**  
What did the sources help me learn?

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**WHAT IS MY CONCLUSION?**  
What is my answer to the inquiry question?

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## 6 NEXT STEPS

What new questions do I have? What could I find out next?

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