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Answers

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- 1) A youtube video describing how the pyramids were built.
- 2) A text book describing the civil rights movement.
- 3) A news report about the opening of a power plant.
- 4) A cartoon showing how Pocahontas met John Smith.
- 5) An interview with Alexander Graham Bell about how he invented the telephone.
- 6) A short story describing Thomas Edison and Nikola Tesla's 'electrical' battle.
- 7) An autobiography about the 40th president, Ronald Reagan.
- 8) A book describing Christopher Columbus sailing to America.
- 9) A play showing how Benjamin Franklin flew a kite during a lightning storm.
- 10) Anne Frank's diary describing her life during World War 2.
- 11) A journal by a cowboy about the cattle drives from Texas to Kansas.
- 12) A scientist explaining what it was like for Buzz Aldrin to walk on the moon.
- 13) A radio broadcast from the day the Soviet Union launched Sputnik.
- 14) A painting by Leonardo DaVinci.
- 15) A famous artist's painting of what cowboy life was probably like.

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- 1) A friend giving a report about the Industrial Revolution's changes to America.
- 2) A biography about the sixteenth president, Abraham Lincoln.
- 3) A college professor describing how the pilgrims lived.
- 4) A blog written by an employee describing what it is like working at Apple.
- 5) Rosa Parks describing her role in the Montgomery Alabama bus boycotts.
- 6) A text book describing the 'the great war'.
- 7) Neil Armstrong giving an interview about being the first man to walk on the moon.
- 8) A newspaper article describing last night's storm.
- 9) A letter from John Smith about his meeting with the Powhatan Indians.
- 10) The movie Titanic.
- 11) The History Channel' explaining how life was for a slave.
- 12) An autobiography* about Bill Gates.
- 13) A documentary about how 'Wizard of Oz' changed movies forever.
- 14) An indian writing about how his ancestors used to use all parts of the animals they hunted.
- 15) A reporter describing his time in Iraq.

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Evaluating Sources

1. **Historical Question:** Who was present at the signing of the Declaration of Independence?

Source 1: Hollywood movie about the American Revolution made 2001.

Source 2: Book written by a famous historian who is an expert on the American Revolution, published in 1999.

Which do you trust more? Why?

2. **Historical Question:** What was slavery like in South Carolina?

Source 1: Interview with former slave in 1936. The interviewer is a black man collecting oral histories for the Federal Writers' Project.

Source 2: Interview with former slave in 1936. The interviewer is a white woman collecting oral histories for the Federal Writers' Project.

Which do you trust more? Why?

3. **Historical Question:** What was the layout of the Nazi concentration camp Auschwitz?

Source 1: Interview with 80 year-old Holocaust survivor in 1985.

Source 2: Map of concentration camp found in Nazi files.

Which do you trust more? Why?

4. Historical Question: Why were Japanese Americans put in internment camps during WWII?

Source 1: Government film explaining internment from 1942.

Source 2: Government report on Japanese Internment from 1983 based on declassified government documents.

Which do you trust more? Why?

5. Historical Question: Did American soldiers commit atrocities during the Vietnam War in 1969?

Source 1: Sworn testimony by American Sergeant in Congressional hearings in 1969.

Source 2: Speech by American General touring the United States in 1969.

Which do you trust more? Why?

6. Historical Question: What happened at the Battle of Little Bighorn?

Source 1: High school history textbook from 1985.

Source 2: Newspaper account from the day after the battle in June 1876.

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