

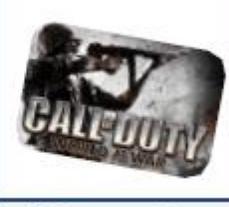
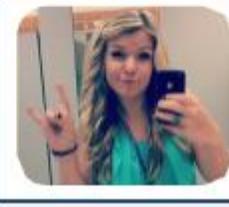
LI : I can use a source to find out about the past.

We can find out about the past by collecting evidence in a variety of different ways.

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There are two types of sources in history:  
Primary sources and secondary sources.

- Can you think of an example of each type of source?
- Which of these artefacts are primary sources?
- Which do you think is most **reliable**? Why?

			
1: Dinosaur Skull	2: History Text Book	3: Cave Art	4: Viking Coin
			
5: Hitler Cartoon	6: Taj Mahal Model	7: Computer Game	8: Frozen Mammoth
			
9: Newspaper	10: DVD Movie	11: Photograph	12 : Training Shoe



1 : I can use a source to find out about the past.

This is a painting by William Frith. It was painted in 1858, not long after *Oliver Twist* was set.

- What can you see in this painting?
- What do you think the boy is saying to the lady?
- Why is the boy carrying a broom?
- Do you think the people in the picture are rich or poor?
- Why do you think the streets in Victorian London were so dirty?



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This painting shows a crossing sweeper asking a rich lady to pay him to sweep the dirty road so that she could cross without getting her shoes and long skirt dirty. Victorian London streets were dirty because horses were used as a method of transport and they left a lot of horse muck behind. Many poor children earned money by sweeping the streets for wealthier people. Like all Frith's painting, this one was based on a real scene. The boy in the picture had tried to pick Frith's pocket and steal his watch. The street scene is a general one but it looks like it might have been around Bayswater and Lancaster Gate. This was the area that Frith lived in.