

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

## Is historical evidence reliable?

Imagine you are given a piece of historical evidence (e.g. A painting) to tell you about something that happened a long time ago.  
Can you trust the evidence?



True or False?:

Answer the questions

1. A historian can only trust certain sources of evidence.
2. All primary sources must be reliable.
3. A primary source must be reliable if the person was actually there when the event happened.
4. Secondary sources are never reliable.
5. A source becomes evidence only when a historian uses it to prove something.

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This picture was painted in 1940 by Joseph Bato. Bato arrived in London from Hungary during the late 1930s as a refugee from the Nazis.

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What can this painting tell us about World War Two?

Is it a primary or secondary source?

Where is the painting set?

What time of day do you think it is?

Why were people sleeping down there?  
Do you think it would be a comfortable place to sleep?

Who are the people who are standing on the platform?