

History week 8 - To identify similarities and differences between types of sources of information available in different periods in the past.

If you were asked to find out about an event or a person in history, what different kinds of sources would you use? Ask your child to share their ideas and list them on the slides.

Show the two different questions on the slides and ask your child what sources they would use to investigate each one. Key Questions: How are the sources different? Why are they different? How are they similar?

Write the statement: 'All sources of information from history can be relied on'. Do you agree with this statement? Why? Why not? Give your child some time to discuss their ideas then share them.

Discuss the difference between primary and secondary sources. Which do you think are more useful? • What sources of information can you use to find out about life since 1948?

Give your child a set of the Question Cards (in photocopied pack) and ask them to discuss for each question what kind of historical source they could use to find the answers, e.g. for 'What was it like at Charles and Diana's wedding in 1981?' They could read eye-witness accounts, they could look at photographs, they could watch video footage, etc., but for 'What did Henry VIII' look like they would have to rely on portraits and written descriptions. Children to record their answers on the Question Cards.