Historical Sources.

By the end of this lesson:

You will know the difference between a primary and a secondary source.

You will understand how historians can use a source to find out things about the past.
HISTORICAL SOURCES

An historical source is something that tells us about History.
It may be a document, a picture, a sound recording, a book, a cinema film,
a television programme or an object.

There are two main types of historical source:

Primary Sources and Secondary Sources

A Primary source is something that originates from the past.

A Secondary source is something that has been made recently about the past.
PRIMARY AND SECONDARY

DO YOU KNOW THE DIFFERENCE?
Questions to ask of a source.

WHO?

WHEN?
WHY?
WHAT?
HOW?
WHERE?

WHO?

For example:
Who made it?
Who used it?
Who is in the picture?

Roman coins AD45
WHERE?

Where is it?
Where was it?
Where was it painted?
Where was it used?

Mona Lisa  1506
HOW?

How was it made?
How was it used?
How has it survived?

mug made 2003
WHAT?

A book about the Tudors
1999

What is it?
What is it for?
What is it used for?
What does it show?
WHEN?

When was it made?
When was it used?

Magna Carta 1215
WHY?

Why was it made?
Why has it survived?

Poster of Van Gogh 1975
REMEMBER TO ASK THE QUESTIONS!
