

Origin	Purpose	Content	Value	Limitation
Where did the source come from?	Why was this created?	What is the message of the source?	What does it show about a time and a place?	Is it biased?
Who created it?	Who is the intended audience?	What information or examples does the author use to support their point?	What does it show about society?	What information was not available to the author when it was created?
When was it created?	Why do you think the author/creator is communicating this message?		What does it show about the thinking at that time?	Was information specifically left out or intentionally emphasized?
What do you know about the author/creator?			Is there new information that helps us understand it better?	How does historical context influence your interpretation?
Is the author/creator an authoritative source?				
Is this a primary or secondary source?				

OPCVL Example Table

	OPCVL Exemplars
Teacher Source	<p>The origin of this primary source is written by Adolf Hitler in his book Mein Kampf which he wrote in prison after his failed rebellion.</p> <p>The origin of the source is valuable because it presents <u>an eye-witness account</u> of the impact of the Treaty of Versailles on Germany</p>
	<p>The content of this source shows that the supporters of the Nazi's were the <u>"enemies of the peace treaties."</u></p> <p>The content is valuable because it <u>provides the reaction</u> of the German people to the Treaty</p>
	<p>The purpose of this source is to <u>explain</u> how Hitler planned to get the German people on his side.</p> <p>The purpose is valuable because it <u>tells us the ideas</u> about the political strategy of the Nazi Party after the failure of the Beer Hall Putsch</p>