Evaluating Sources

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1. Historical Question: Who was present at the signing of the Declaration of

Independence?

Source 1: Hollywood movie about the American Revolution made 2001. Source 2: Book written by a famous historian who is an expert on the

American Revolution, published in 1999.

Which do you trust more? Why?

1. Historical Question: What was slavery like in South Carolina?

Source 1: Interview with former slave in 1936. The interviewer is a black man collecting oral histories for the Federal Writers' Project.

Source 2: Interview with former slave in 1936. The interviewer is a white woman collecting oral histories for the Federal Writers' Project.

Which do you trust more? Why?

1. Historical Question: What was the layout of the Nazi concentration camp

Auschwitz?

Source 1: Interview with 80 year-old Holocaust survivor in 1985. Source 2: Map of concentration camp found in Nazi files.

Which do you trust more? Why?

1. **Historical Question:** Why were Japanese Americans put in internment camps during WWI I?

**Source 1:** Government film explaining internment from 1942.

**Source 2:** Government report on Japanese Internment from 1983 based on declassified government documents.

# Which do you trust more? Why?

1. **Historical Question:** Did American soldiers commit atrocities during the Vietnam War in 1969?

**Source 1:** Sworn testimony by American Sergeant in Congressional hearings in 1969.

**Source 2:** Speech by American General touring the United States in 1969.

# Which do you trust more? Why?

1. **Historical Question:** What happened at the Battle of Little Bighorn?

**Source 1:** High school history textbook from 1985.

**Source 2:** Newspaper account from the day after the battle in June 1876.

# Which do you trust more? Why?