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SOURCE LIMITATIONS

SOLDIER'S ACCOUNTS, INTERVIEWS AND ORAL EVIDENCE:

***Usefulness
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Limitation Questions?

<i>Type of Source</i>	<i>Usefulness</i>	<i>Limitation Questions</i>
Soldier's accounts, interviews and oral evidence:	First-hand experience	How good are our memories? Are they reliable? What happens as time goes by? Can you generalise from one account? Do we choose to forget some things or to exaggerate?

MEMOIRS

***Usefulness
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Limitation Questions?

<i>Type of Source</i>	<i>Usefulness</i>	<i>Limitation Questions</i>
Memoirs	Provides information about an event.	Usually written after the event. Motive for writing? May defend the author's decisions? May exaggerate role?

NEWSPAPERS

***Usefulness
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Limitation Questions?

<i>Type of Source</i>	<i>Usefulness</i>	<i>Limitation Questions</i>
Newspaper	Contemporary accounts of important events.	They take sides. Sometimes leave out important facts. May be censored in wartime and patriotic. Do not always tell the truth. May exaggerate. Try to influence what people think.

NOVELS - POEMS

Usefulness

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Limitation Questions?

<i>Type of Source</i>	<i>Usefulness</i>	<i>Limitation Questions</i>
Novels s/poems	Novels and poems are well researched by writers.	Did the writer witness the events? Are they trying to be factual or adding things to make the story more interesting? What were the reasons for writing: to entertain, to put over a message or a point of view, to educate people?

PHOTOGRAPHS, SOUND AND FILM

***Usefulness
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Limitation Questions?

<i>Type of Source</i>	<i>Usefulness</i>	<i>Limitation Questions</i>
Photos Sound Film	Show or allow you to see or hear what an event was like.	Why was it taken? How much does it show? Can you generalise from it? Does it tell the truth or is it somebody's point of view?

GOVERNMENT AND OFFICIAL STATISTICS

***Usefulness
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Limitation Questions?

<i>Type of Source</i>	<i>Usefulness</i>	<i>Limitation Questions</i>
Gov. or Official Statistics	Officially collected by govt	How were they collected? Are they accurate? Are they trying to prove something? What do they hide?

POLITICIANS' SPEECHES

***Usefulness
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Limitation Questions?

<i>Type of Source</i>	<i>Usefulness</i>	<i>Limitation Questions</i>
Politicians' speeches	Provides information about what they thought.	Purpose? Who is being addressed and why?

PROPAGANDA AND POSTERS

Usefulness
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Limitation Questions?

<i>Type of Source</i>	<i>Usefulness</i>	<i>Limitation Questions</i>
Propaganda and posters	Gives government and other group's point of view.	Purpose? How is the point made visually? Who was it designed to appeal to?

CARTOONS

***Usefulness
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Limitation Questions?

<i>Type of Source</i>	<i>Usefulness</i>	<i>Limitation Questions</i>
Cartoons	Shows contemporary humor or opinion.	What is the point being made? Who drew it and why?

DIARIES

***Usefulness
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Limitation Questions?

<i>Type of Source</i>	<i>Usefulness</i>	<i>Limitation Questions</i>
Diaries	Gives a contemporary and first hand account.	Why did the person keep a diary? Did they mean it to be read? <i>Are</i> details left out? What do we learn about the diarist from what he has written?

LETTERS

***Usefulness
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Limitation Questions?

<i>Type of Source</i>	<i>Usefulness</i>	<i>Limitation Questions</i>
Letters	Basic information	Why written? To whom?

BIOGRAPHIES

***Usefulness
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Limitation Questions?

<i>Type of Source</i>	<i>Usefulness</i>	<i>Limitation Questions</i>
Biographies	Crucial information about key events	Why was it written? Did the biographer know the person? Have they told the whole story? Did the writer have access to all the sources they needed?

ART

***Usefulness
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Limitation Questions?

<i>Type of Source</i>	<i>Usefulness</i>	<i>Limitation Questions</i>
ART	Provides somebody's opinion.	Why was it painted? We are seeing somebody's view of what happened. Is a message being put across?