

## QUICK SOURCING: FIRST STATES AND EMPIRES

### Purpose

Develop your sourcing skills by comparing. The quick-sourcing process will help you quickly review primary and secondary sources to determine how they'll help you respond to a prompt.

### Process

1. Read the [Source Collection: First States and Empires](#). Use evidence you find in the documents to complete the Source Analysis chart and answer the prompt.

**Question/Prompt:** *How did rulers maintain control of their states and interact with other societies?*

### SOURCE ANALYSIS

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2. Write a claim that responds to the question, *How did rulers maintain control of their states and interact with other societies?*

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3. Write a counterclaim that responds to the question, *How did rulers maintain control of their states and interact with other societies?* (Reminder: Here are some possible sentence starters: “While some may argue that...”, “An alternative argument is...”)

4. Review your source analysis to determine how each source can be used for your claim and your counterclaim.

Source review	Document #
Which sources support your claim best?	
Which sources extend your claim? These might be sources that aren't directly connected to your claim, but could help you provide more detail.	
Which sources most challenge your claim? (In other words, which sources support your counterclaim best?)	