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## Evaluating Sources

### **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?

### **2. 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?

### **3. 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?

**4. Historical Question: Why were Japanese Americans put in internment camps during WWII?**

**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?

**5. 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?

**6. 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?