

Focus on The Big Six Historical Thinking Concepts in ABOUT WAR

EVIDENCE AND INTERPRETATION

This examines whether the evidence is credible and adequate to support the conclusions reached.

Students will understand that:

- Evidence is information offered to establish a fact or support a position.
- Evidence can be found in primary or secondary sources.
- Whether or not we can trust evidence depends on its reliability
- The validity of evidence depends on whether it is used appropriately, and whether it is relevant to the questions being asked.
- Interpretations of evidence can be reasonable or unreasonable – the latter if they extend beyond what the evidence itself can reasonably support.

Questions:

1. Are the drawings and accompanying narrations found in *What War is Like* primary or secondary sources? Why?
2. Are they useful pieces of evidence?

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