

Exercise 2: Comparing Sources

1. Make notes on the reports. What are they saying? What kind of sources are they? Make notes using the WHAT TO ASK questions on the Source Analysis page.

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2. What do the sources tell you about the riots and the people who rioted? Make notes on the differences in the stories, and jot down WHY you think they are different. Do the sources agree on anything? If so, what? Why do you think they agree?

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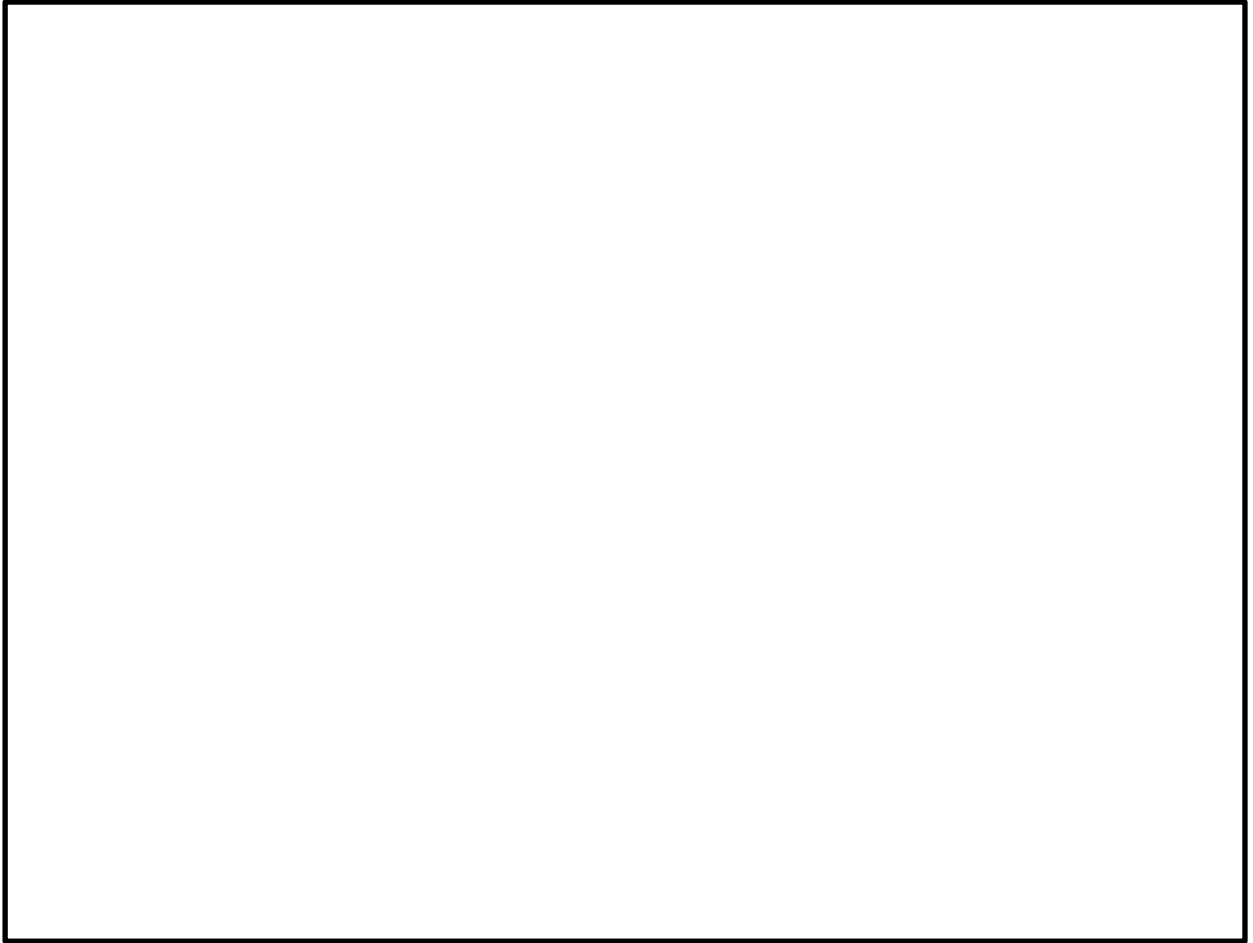
3. Why do you think the reporters CHOSE to interview certain people? How do those opinions fit with the agenda/bias of the report?

Remember that with newspapers, the journalists and editors DECIDE what to include and what not to include in a report or story. For everything that goes in, there are other stories that do not get included. For every picture used in a newspaper report, there are other pictures that do not get seen.

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> Why do you think this is? How does this affect YOUR OPINION of what you've read?

4. Do you think that it's a GOOD idea to compare the London Riots with the Chartist Movement? Why/Why not?

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