

Reading traces, asking questions

Distinguish a historical source from a modern representation.



A composed still life of pottery, a reproduction oil lamp, blank parchment and a magnifying glass. · AI-generated illustration

An object can offer clues about the past. Its origin, age and discovery context need investigation. Our image was created today with AI and is not an ancient source itself.

Now try it

1. Describe the pictured objects without assigning them a particular age.
2. Write three questions you would ask a museum before making a historical interpretation.

Fictional demo material. Adapt to the learners and the school's teaching before use.

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Your notes and findings

Think it through

Does an old-looking object in a picture prove its age?

See a suggested answer

No. It could be a replica. Dating and provenance require independent evidence.

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