

QUESTION YOUR SOURCES WORKSHEET

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Prioritise the sources below each topic heading in order of most-least suitable. Then, consider the first place of research for each topic. Is it suitable? Write a sentence why or why not.

Topic: Political Effect of the 1990 Poll-Tax Riots

- A) Government archive record of parliamentary debates from that period.
- B) 1993 The Sun article citing an anonymous government source.
- C) Election results of 1992.
- D) 2007 academic study on the Poll-Tax Riots.

Most Suitable Least Suitable

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First Place of Research: MP Nigel Lawson's* personal blog. (*Nigel Lawson was a Cabinet Minister in 1990)

Topic: The Start of the Universe

- A) Hawking's A Brief History of Time, 1988.
- B) An academic article on the Big Bang Theory
- C) An academic article refuting the Big Bang Theory
- D) Data from the large hadron collider in Switzerland, 2015

Most Suitable Least Suitable

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First Place of Research: The Wikipedia page for Stephen Hawking

Topic: Gender and Psychology in Modern Day Research

- A) The essays presented at a psychology conference, 2019, on the recent developments in the field.
- B) An article from Psychology Daily on the state of Psychology as a discipline in 2020, from January 2020.
- C) An academic book from 1979
- D) Casual interviews with current psychology professionals

Most Suitable Least Suitable

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First Place of Research: An academic book from 1979

Topic: The Treatment of Poles by Soviet Troops in World War II

- A) The testimony of a survivor of Soviet treatment from neighbouring Ukraine in the same period
- B) Diaries of Soviet Troops in Poland at that time
- C) Academic research on the testimonies of Poles who came into contact with Soviet Troops during the War
- D) Soviet newspaper articles on their troops in Poland during the war.

Most Suitable Least Suitable

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First Place of Research: E-Repository for Polish history

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Topic: Contemporary reception of Mozart's *The Marriage of Figaro*

- A) Margin notes from Mozart on his scores of the music
- B) A 2010 newspaper review of the opera in retrospection
- C) An aristocrat's diary entry on their thoughts of the opera on its debut night
- D) Salieri's* thoughts on *The Marriage of Figaro* (*Mozart and Salieri are sometimes depicted as rivals)

Most Suitable Least Suitable

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First Place of Research: *The Marriage of Figaro's* Wikipedia page.

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Topic: The Climate of California in April 2019

- A) Data extracted in April 2016
- B) Newspaper clippings of anecdotal stories from residents in Californian towns and cities
- C) Californian Government data (collected continuously)
- D) Interviews with top environmental scientists in February 2019 about the Californian climate

Most Suitable Least Suitable

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First Place of Research: Californian State academic database.

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Topic: Evolutionary Traits of Red Pandas

- A) Data from a 2016 academic study about the evolution of pandas
- B) An academic book on evolution from 2017.
- C) Bill Nye and Ken Ham's 2014 televised debate on evolution vs creationism
- D) Charles Darwin's *On the Origin of the Species*, 1859.

Most Suitable Least Suitable

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First Place of Research: A blog about Charles Darwin.

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