



# Evidence

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# Evidence

We know about the battles in Gallipoli from evidence.

Evidence is information we find about history.

It helps us find out the facts.

Evidence is found in many sources.

People who study ancient history are called archaeologists.

Archaeologists investigate places where people used to live.

They dig in the ground to find remains.

These are called artefacts.

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There are two qualities of evidence:

Primary Evidence and Secondary Evidence.

## Primary evidence

Primary evidence is comes from the event.

Primary evidence is the best sort of evidence.

Primary evidence is most likely to be true.

These are some types of primary evidence:

- Artefacts found at the scene,
- Records written at the time of the event.
- Memories from people at the event.
- Photographs or film made at the event.

## Secondary evidence

Secondary evidence was written later.

This may be found in articles written after the event, or from stories told to another person.

Secondary evidence may have mistakes.

## Good Evidence

There are 5 questions to think about the evidence:

Who found or made the evidence?

What kind of evidence is it?

Where was it found?

When was it found?

Why was it chosen as evidence?

Is it from Primary or secondary sources?

You can then decide if it is good evidence.

Try to find two different types of evidence for your writing.

There is a checklist to help you.