

How do historians create accounts of past events??

What's the **BIG** deal?

- Historical events happen once and then “disappear.” Since we cannot study historical events directly, historians rely on whatever evidence the event has left behind.
- Two ways to evaluate the accuracy of a source are by exploring internal consistency and external consistency.
- Internal consistency means that the facts within the source do not contradict each other.
- External consistency means that the facts within the source can be corroborated “against” other sources.