

Historical Credibility Spectrum

More likely to be credible

- + First-Hand Account (eyewitness, meaning they were actually there)
- + Expert/Experience/Research (example: a college Professor, a historian)
- + Objective (shows the whole picture, tells the good and the bad sides)
- + Written during or closely after the event took place

Less likely to be credible

- Bias (prejudice in favor of or against one thing, person, or group compared with another, usually in a way considered to be unfair)
- Loaded Language (wording that attempts to influence an audience by using appeal to emotion or stereotypes)
- Special Interests (#Sponsored)
- Limited Perspective (When the source only tells one side or really only knows one side)
- Written a long time after the event took place