

Investigating Sources – Medicine on the Western Front

What is the date of the source?

Who wrote/created it?

Do you know anything about the author?

What type of source is it? (Letter, report or newspaper, war diary, pension record, medical record, map, diagram, photograph.)

What is the source saying/showing?

Write down and check the meaning of any words you are unsure about.

How useful is this information, does it support what you know already?

What can you infer? (What information is not directly stated?)

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What type of enquiry would be this record be useful for?

Does the document show the writer's opinions/values?

Are there any clues about the intended audience for the document?

Why was the document created?

Does it have any limitations or gaps?

Does it link to other sources in this group?

Does it share the same ideas, attitudes and arguments?

How would you explain any differences between these documents?