

Sources of History

Chapter 1: Sources of History · Topic 1

Key Concept

Official records, including government documents and court proceedings from British colonial administration, provide detailed historical evidence.

Newspapers and periodicals from this period offer contemporary perspectives on events, public opinion, and social movements of the time.

Personal accounts, including diaries, letters, and autobiographies of freedom fighters, provide first-hand insights into historical events.

Photographs and audio-visual records from the modern period offer visual evidence, capturing events as they happened for future generations.

Quick Revision Notes

- Official records: government documents, court proceedings.
- Newspapers: contemporary perspectives, public opinion.
- Personal accounts: diaries, letters, autobiographies.
- These give first-hand historical insights.
- Photographs, audio-visual: visual evidence.
- They capture events for future generations.
- Multiple source types build accurate history.
- This applies to modern Indian history.

Practice Questions

- 1 Research a freedom fighter's autobiography.
- 2 Discuss the value of newspapers as historical sources.
- 3 Research a historical photograph and its significance.
- 4 Discuss why personal accounts matter for history.
- 5 List four types of sources for modern history.
- 6 Explain why multiple sources give better history.