

Historical Thinking Skill Graphic Organizer: Historical Empathy



To show historical empathy is to listen to the past and to understand it on its own terms.

What beliefs or assumptions do I have about this historical topic and era that I should be aware of as I study?

Historical Topic

What was happening at this time that could influence past actors' decisions?

List at least 3 different sources that could be used to uncover more about this topic.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Are there any moral judgements I want to make about this topic?
Why?

If someone were to employ presentism (which historians should avoid), what might they say about this topic?

One way we might empathize with _____ is by: _____

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