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EVALUATING SOURCES

Directions: After reading the historical question on the board, decide which source is more reliable and explain why.

Source 1 - Hollywood movie about the American Revolution made in 2001.

Source 2 - Book written by a famous historian who is an expert on the American Revolution, published in 1999.

Which do you trust more? Why?

Source 1 - Interview with former slave in 1936. The interviewer is a black man collecting oral histories for the Federal Writers' Project.

Source 2 - Interview with former slave in 1936. The interviewer is a white man collecting oral histories for the Federal Writers' Project.

Which do you trust more? Why?

Source 1 - Interview with 80 year-old Holocaust survivor in 1985.

Source 2 - Map of concentration camp found in Nazi files.

Which do you trust more? Why?

Source 1 - Government film explaining internment from 1942.

Source 2 - Government report on Japanese Internment from 1983 based on declassified government documents.

Which do you trust more? Why?

Source 1 - Sworn testimony by American Sergeant in Congressional hearings in 1969.

Source 2 - Speech by American General touring the United States in 1969.

Which do you trust more? Why?

Source 1 - High School history textbook from 1985.

Source 2 - Newspaper account from the day after the battle in June 1876.

Which do you trust more? Why?