

Handout 2

YOUR 15-MINUTE GUIDE TO SOURCE-BASED QUESTIONS

No	Question	Skills	What I have to do?
1	Do you think the cartoonist is for or against the Tamil Tigers?	Comprehension & inference	2 Inference, supported; detect purpose, where possible
2	Do you think the writer is a supporter or opponent of the IRA?	Comprehension & inference	2 Inference, supported; detect purpose, where possible
3	What is the cartoon trying to show?	inference	2 Inference, supported; detect purpose, where possible
4	What does the source tell you about the position of Tamils in Sri Lanka after 1970?	Inference	2 Inference, supported; no need to detect purpose;
5	How far do these sources show that Tamil Tigers are justified in the violence?	inference	2 inferences, supported; detect purpose, where possible
6	What does the source say about the United Nations?	inference	2 inferences, supported; no need to detect purpose
7	What does the source tell you about the UN peacekeeping efforts?	Inference	2 inferences, supported; no need to detect purpose
8	What can you learn from Source A about the relations between the Tamils and the Sinhalese?	inference	2 inferences supported; detect purpose, where possible.
9	How do Sources C and D differ?	Comparison	Difference in content; difference in tone or purpose
10	How far does Source A support Source B?	comparison	Pick statements from Source A and state how they support / do not

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			support Source B; show support or lack of support through purposes of the sources, where possible
11	How similar are these sources?	comparison	1 difference & 1 similarity in content; difference or similarity in tone or purpose
12	How different are these sources?	comparison	1 difference in content & 1 similarity in content; difference or similarity in tone or purpose
13	Is Source B <u>reliable</u> as evidence of the feelings and position of Singapore leaders on separation?	reliability	Cross-refer to show that Source B is reliable / unreliable; detect purpose of the source to further check reliability, where possible
14	Do you think Source A is <u>fair</u> towards the IRA?	reliability	Cross-refer to show that Source A is fair / not fair; detect purpose of the Source A, where possible
15	Does Source B <u>prove</u> that Protestant and Catholic teenagers who attend a mixed school are less hostile towards each other's community?	reliability	Cross-refer to show that hostility / non hostility; detect purpose to show hostility / non hostility, where possible
16	Do you think Source C provides a <u>balanced view</u> about foreign talents in Singapore?	reliability	Cross-refer to show that Source C provides / does not provide; detect purpose, where possible
17	Sources A and B differ in their views on the conflict in Sri Lanka. Does that mean one of them is <u>wrong</u> ?	reliability	Show how the two sources differ; cross-refer to show which one is reliable and which one is not; detect purpose of the less

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			reliable source, where possible.
18	Sources A and B differ in their views on the conflict in Sri Lanka. Does that mean one of them is <u>not valid</u>?	reliability	Show how the two sources differ; cross-refer to show which one is reliable and which one is not; detect purpose of the less reliable source, where possible.
19	What can you <u>conclude</u> about foreign investment in Singapore from these sources?	utility	Cross-refer to check reliability of source; detect purpose, where possible
20	Source A is by a Tamil on the conflict in Sri Lanka? Does that mean it will be biased and thus not useful to the study of the conflict in Sri Lanka?	utility	Cross-refer to check reliability of source; if not reliable, detect purpose to show lack of reliability, where possible; show usefulness in context despite lack of reliability
21	How useful is Source B to your understanding of the UN's role in maintaining world peace?	utility	Cross-refer to check reliability of the source; further check usefulness through purpose of source, where possible; if source unreliable, show usefulness despite lack of reliability
22	Do all the sources show that the separation was a painful decision for both Singapore and Malaysia?	Evaluating source	Pick sources to 'show' and provide evidence; pick sources to 'not show' and provide evidence