

Unit Notes – Sourcing, Bias and Questioning

Questioning

Open ended questions - is designed to encourage a full, meaningful answer using the subject's own knowledge and/or feelings



Example - Why was the battle of Gettysburg the most important battle of the American Civil War?

Close ended questions - designed to evoke short responses

Examples: Are you feeling better today?
May I use the bathroom?



Perspective



- ❧ **Perspective** - a particular attitude toward or way of regarding something; a point of view.
- ❧ **Historical lenses** - examining the world and history from different perspectives



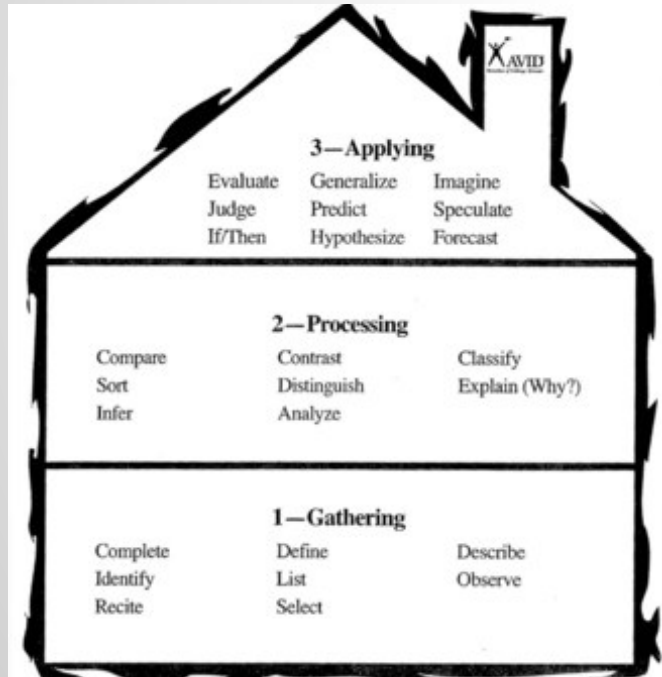
Why Study History?

Question for 2 Reasons



- 🌀 To find meaning/answers
- 🌀 To enhance meaning/understanding
- 🌀 QFT Process
- 🌀 Costas's Levels

Raise your Level – Costa's Levels



- 🌀 Level 1 – Information Gathering
- 🌀 Level 2 – Deepening understanding
- 🌀 Level 3 – Using knowledge to create

Sourcing



- ❧ History has a story that needs to be told. It is important to think about who is telling the story.
- ❧ Who writes a story?
- ❧ What is their point of view?
- ❧ Why was it written? (purpose)
- ❧ When was it written?
- ❧ Is the source believable?



Bias – prejudice in favor of or against one thing

- Emotional language – using strong words to elicit emotion
- Not based in fact -
- Omission - Leaves out important facts
- Generalizes – makes blanket statements
- Spin – portraying a story

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5 Indicators of Bias



• **Emotional Language** – what words are used as descriptors in the article

• **Omission** – would need to assess a number of different sources to find what is being left out

• **Not Based in fact** – Is the news just reporting opinion? Do they have research to support their ideas?

• **Generalization** – Does the article or story make blanket statements that group people or ideas together?

• **Spin** – does a news story try and make you think or believe in