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| Our Big Question is…  Should you believe history books? | | |
| You might think that….  History books have been used for a long time to help us learn about the past.  But you should bear in mind….  That the authors might be biased or just have used the wrong sources. | | |
| Here are our top 5 things you should bear in mind before voting…   1. Over the years, different political leaders and even kings have encouraged the publication of versions of history that make them look good. This has unfairly changed our view of the past! Like maybe King Richard III wasn’t as cruel as we originally thought. 2. Biased history if like editing a photo to show something that isn’t there. It is a bit dishonest and could change people’s views. 3. All history is just a story with different angles. You have to pick one to learn anything, even if you learn something different in the future. 4. Some versions of history have excluded lots of people – like black people or women - because of oppression at the time. You have to be careful that the books you believe are fair to everyone or you will only get part of the story. 5. A school in San Francisco binned their textbooks and only studied letters, newspapers and things from the time. They did better in their exams as a result because they thought for themselves. | | |
| We think that….  You should read them but not believe everything. You need to do research to check they are right.  But do you agree? | | |
| Voting option 1  You shouldn’t ever believe history books – you should only study original sources. | Voting option 2  It depends who wrote them and why. Not everyone can be trusted! | Voting option 3  You should read them anyway. To get published they need to be mostly right and even if something is biased it is interesting. |