SOURCE SHEET · SCHOOL

Documented, Traditional or Told?

A simple introduction to source criticism using Volume 01.

Three Types of Statements

Not everything we say about a historical person is certain in the same way. Classify statements according to their basis.

● HISTORICAL

We can support the statement through sources or established historical context.

○ TRADITIONAL

The statement has been passed down about Carl but cannot be independently verified in every detail.

✦ ARTISTIC

The book story shapes a scene so that we can experience it. Thoughts, conversations and precise sequences may be part of this.

Task 1 · Sort

Write ●, ○ or ✦ before each statement.

___ Carl was born in Scharfenstein in 1762.

___ The encounter with Hussars is part of the traditional account of Carl's early life.

___ We know exactly what Carl was thinking during every minute of the scene.

___ The Seven Years' War burdened civilians even away from direct fighting.

Task 2 · Why Does This Matter?

Why should a historical children's book show what is documented, traditional or artistically shaped?

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Remember

A good historical story may be vivid. But it should make clear where knowledge ends and artistic shaping begins.

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