Judging Credibility of Primary Accounts

	Evidence that it may be credible	Evidence that it may not be credible
Faithful representation: Did the author intend to be truthful, or is the account fictional, satirical or exaggerated? Is there a conflict of interest that might prejudice the account?		
Knowledgeable source: Was the author in a well-informed position to observe or experience the event? How qualified is the author to report on the event?		
Breadth of perspective: Has the author drawn on a range of considerations, broad personal background, and sensitivity to other people's viewpoints?		
Believability: Does the account seem plausible? Are the facts provided in the document consistent? Does the account align with, or contradict other accounts?		

Overall conclusion
- ❏ Definitely credible
- ❏ Probably credible
- ❏ Some questionable elements
- ❏ Not at all credible

Support for overall conclusion: