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Engaging Student Curiosity

- You are about to look at a picture.
- Concentrate hard because you will only have 1 second to look.
- Get ready to share anything that you saw with the rest of the class.
- You will be amazed how much you can see in just 1 second!
- Ready?
- Really ready?



What Did You See?



What Did You Miss?

What Questions Do You Want To Ask?



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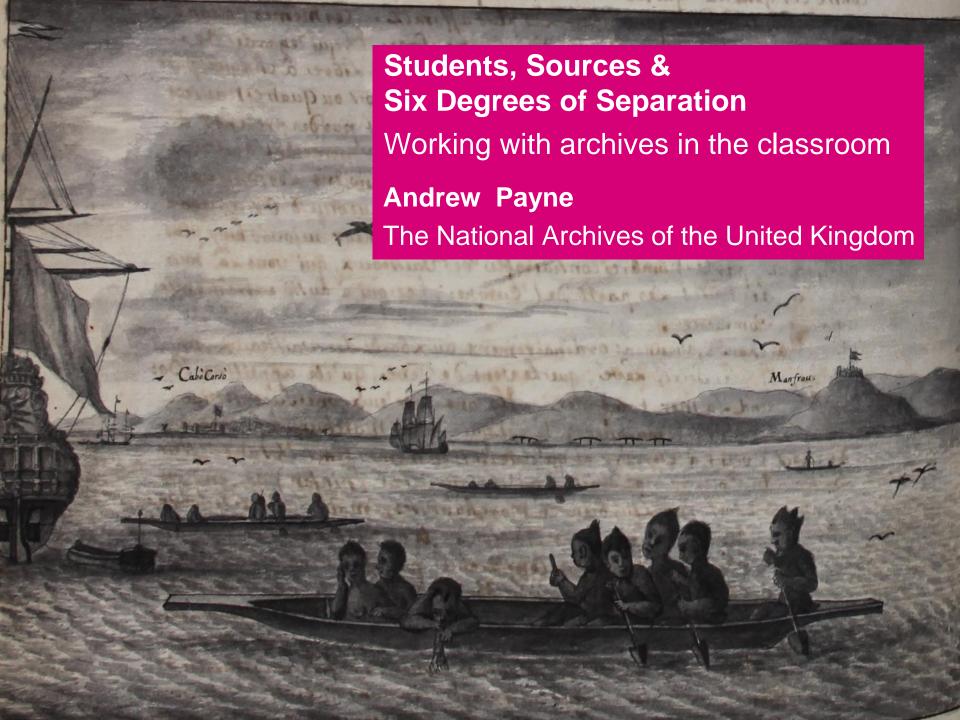
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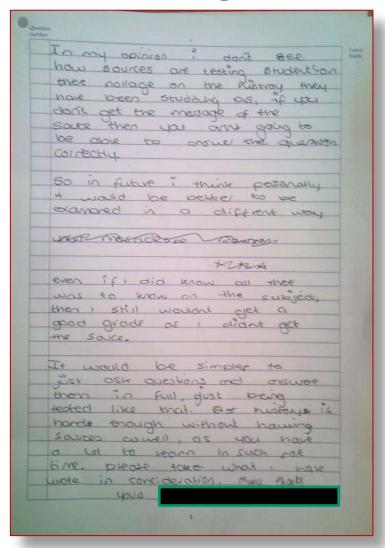
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The Laboratory for the Historian



Kids don't get sources



In my opinion I don't see how sources are testing students on there nollage on the histroy they have been studding as, if you don't get the message of the source then you arnt going to be able to answer the question correctly.

So in future i think personally it would be better to be examoned in a different way

even if I did know all there was to know on the subject then I still wouldn't get a good grade as I didn't get the souce.

It would be simpler to just ask questions and answer them in full, just being tested like that. As history is hard enough without having sources as well, as you have a lot to learn in such short time. Please take what I have wrote in consideration. Many thanks Yours ...

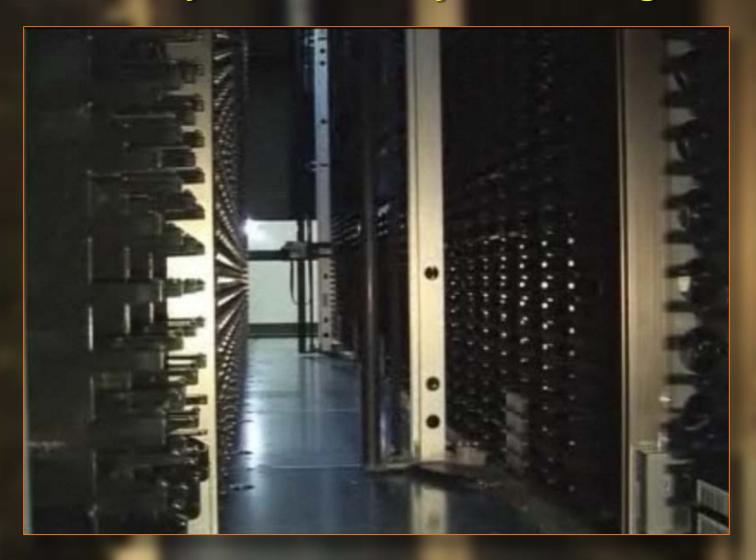




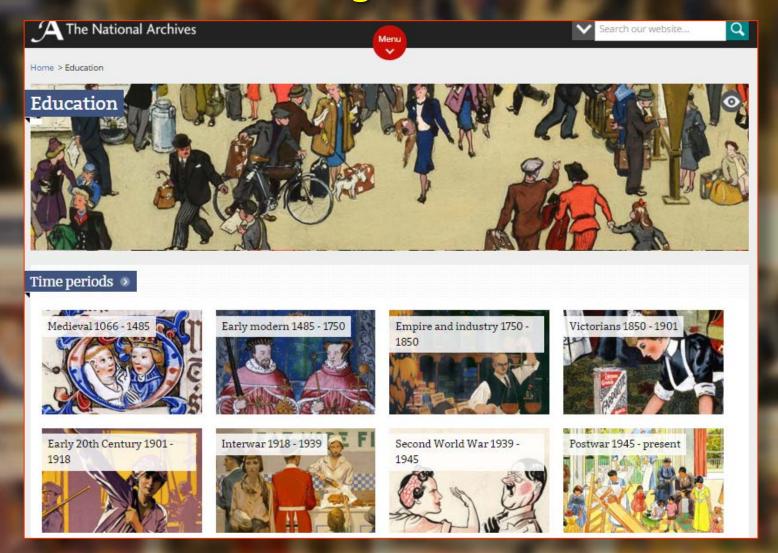


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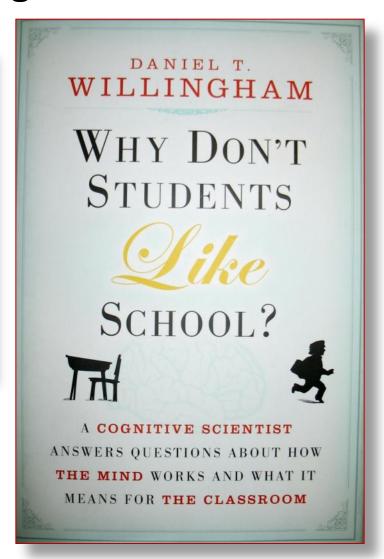
Archives have the power to make us think!



Memory is the residue of thought

"Your memory is not the product of what you want to remember or what you try to remember; it's the product of what you think about"

Daniel T. Willingham Why Don't Students Like School Jossey-Bass 2009



History is a verb not a noun!



Archives force us to <u>re</u>-think!



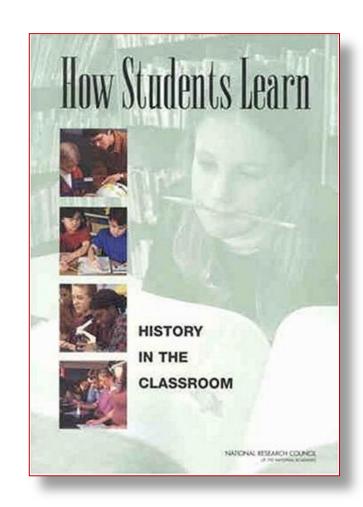
Challenge preconceptions about the past

"Students come to the classroom with preconceptions about how the world works. If their initial understanding is not engaged, they may fail to grasp the new concepts and information..."

Suzanne Donovan & John Brandsford

How Students Learn p.1

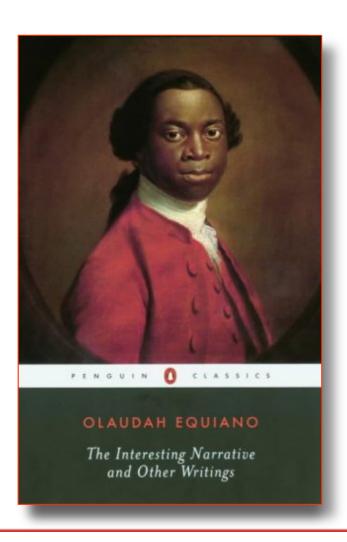
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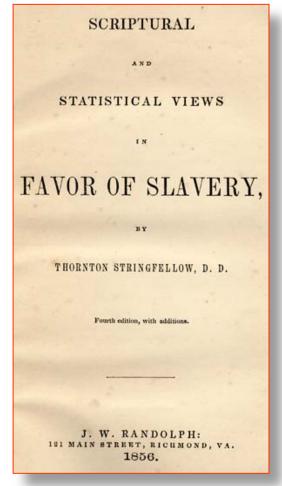


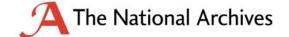
How do students think we know about slavery?

The Interesting Narrative Olaudah Equiano, 1789



Scriptural and Statistical Views in Favor of Slavery Thornton Stringfellow, 1856





Archives reveal the processes of Slavery and the Slave Trade...

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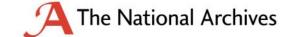
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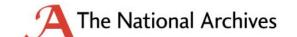
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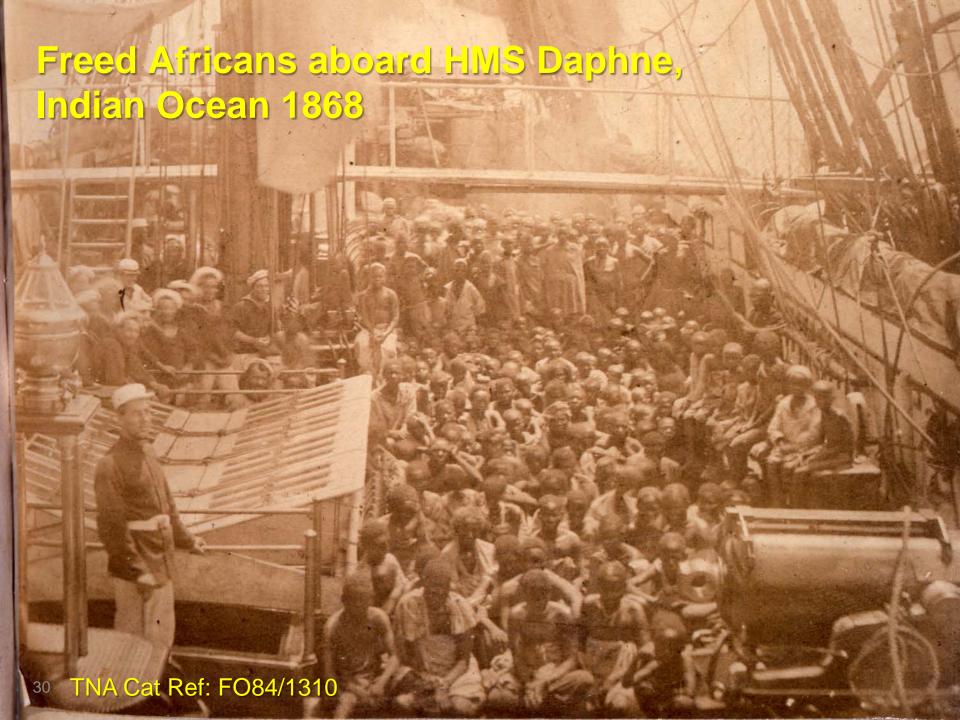
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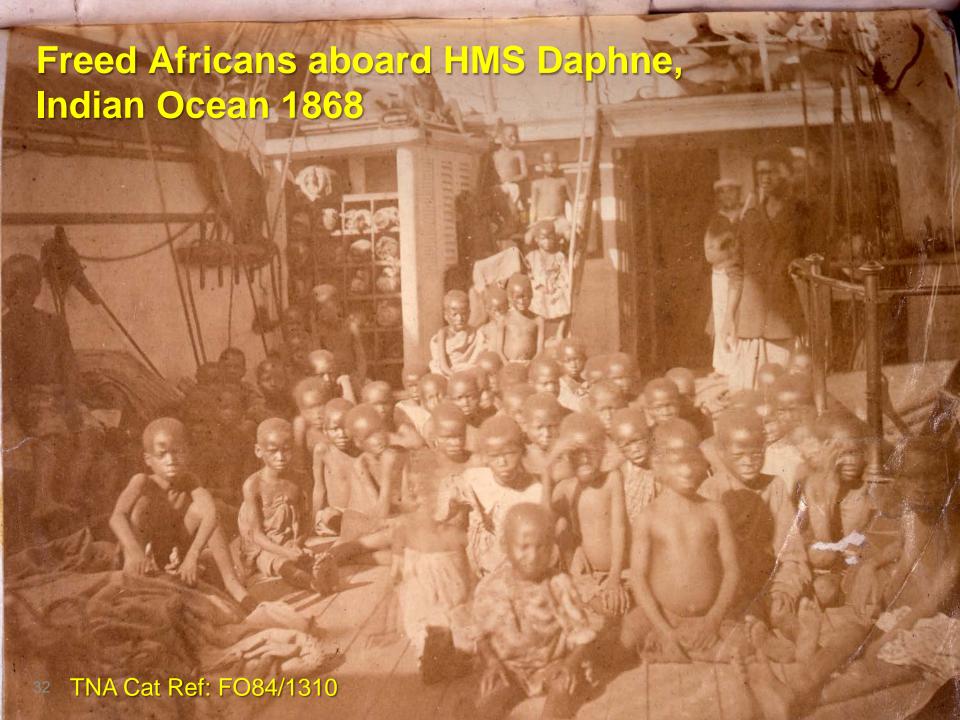
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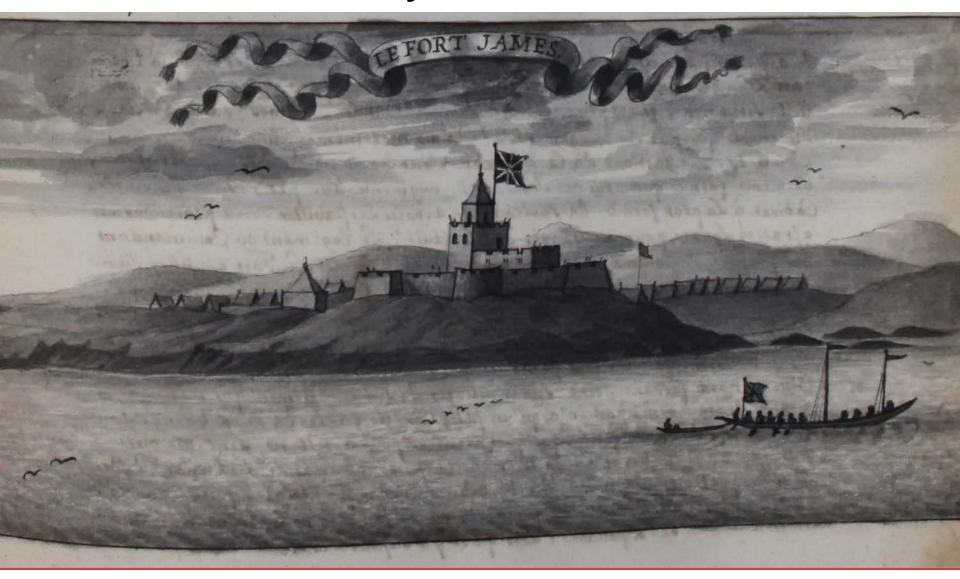




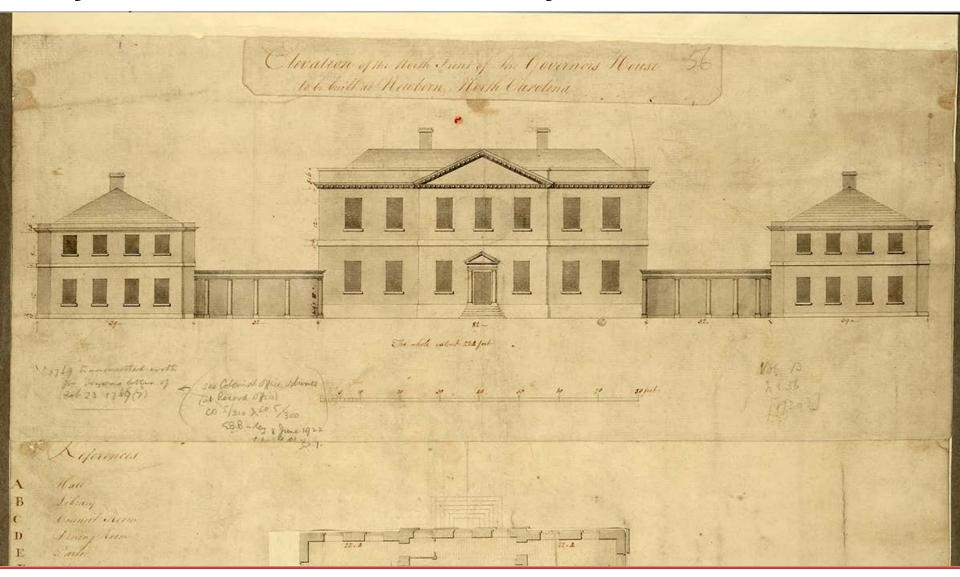




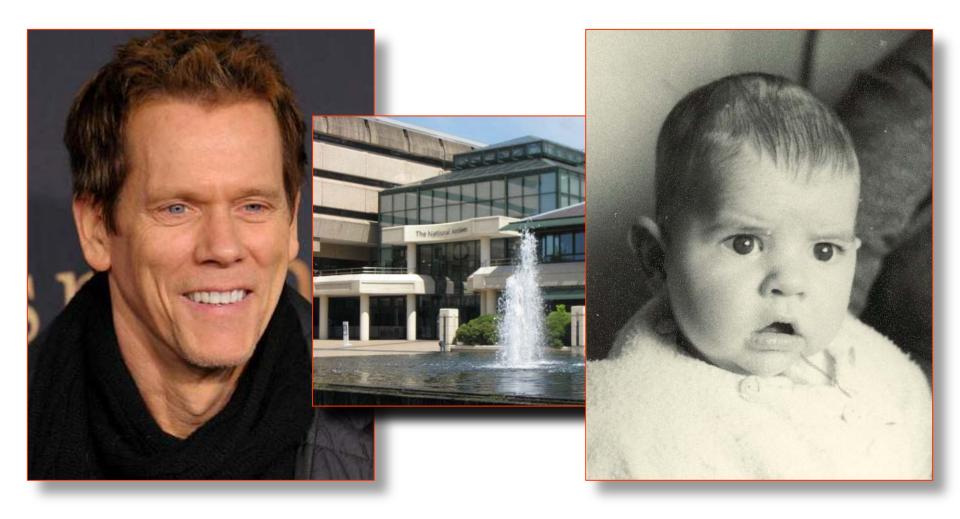
Fort James, Ghana by Jean Barbot 1688



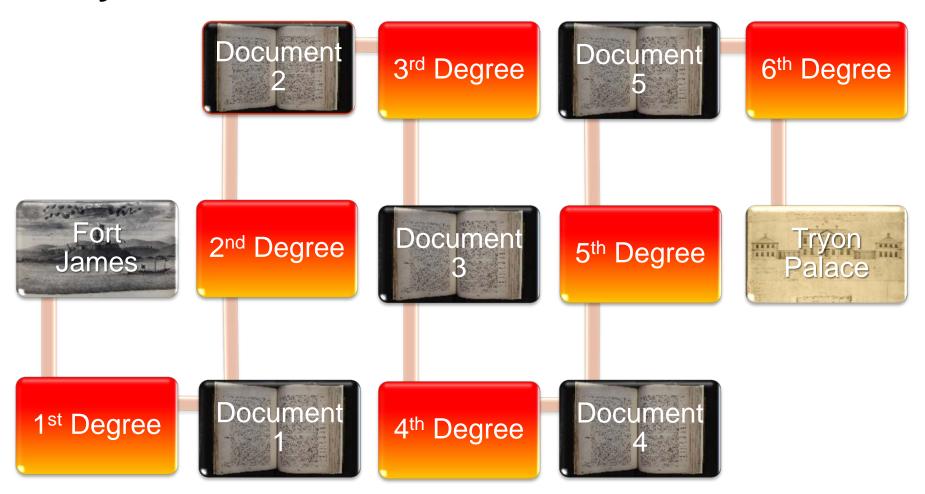
Tryon Palace, Newbern NC by John Hawks 1767



Kevin Bacon – Six Degrees of Separation



The Six Degrees of Separation from Fort James to Tryon Palace





Step 1: Select Your Documents

Working collaboratively...

- Look at the "document catalogue"
- Discuss what each document may contain using the descriptions as a guide
- Choose at least 5 and upto 8 documents to order
- Place your document order by bringing the relevant strip to the ordering desk

Step 2: Study your document

On a Post-It note summarise...

- Who produced it? When? Why? For Whom?
- What does it tell you?

Think about the following...

- Where might it fit in the degrees of separation narrative?
- What other documents would you need for the narrative?

Step 3: Find a friend...

Share your expertise...

- Ask them about their document
- Tell them about your document

Discuss the following...

- Do the documents relate directly or indirectly?
- Where might they fit in the degrees of separation narrative?
- What other documents would you need for the narrative?



Step 4: Find some more friends...

Share your expertise...

- Ask them about their documents
- Tell them about your documents

Discuss the following...

- How could the documents best fit together in the degrees of separation narrative?
- How might the narrative change as you change the order of the documents?

Step 5: Six Degrees of Separation Narrative

Working collaboratively...

- Select your final 5 documents and lay them out in an agreed order
- Discuss how best to explain each degree of separation which links a document to the next one
- Write a short paragraph to explain each degrees of separation on a Post-It note and use it to link the documents together
- Review you six degrees of separation and consider how you could improve it
- "Publish" you historical narrative

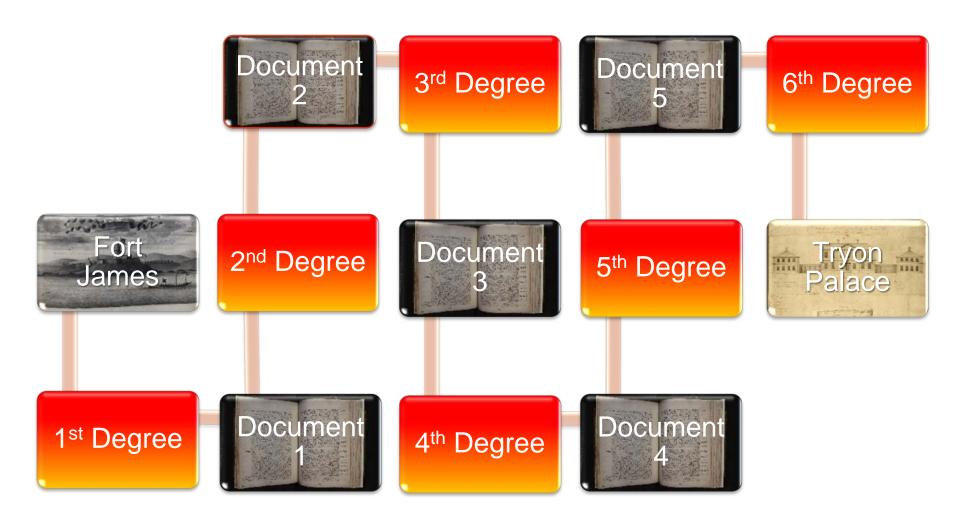


Step 6: Appraise each group's narrative

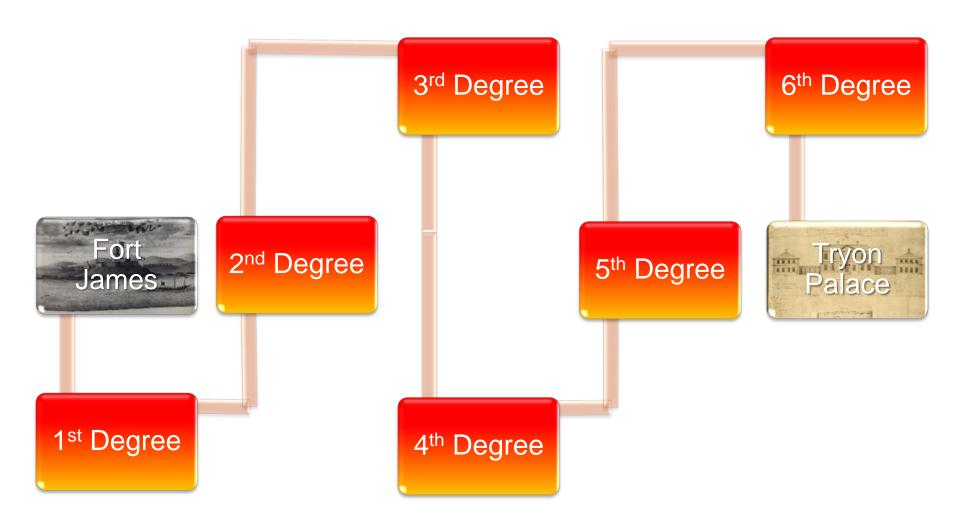
Compare

- How is their narrative similar or different to yours?
- Have they used similar or different documents?
- How are the degrees of separation similar or different?
- Do you find their narrative convincing?
- Explain why or why not?

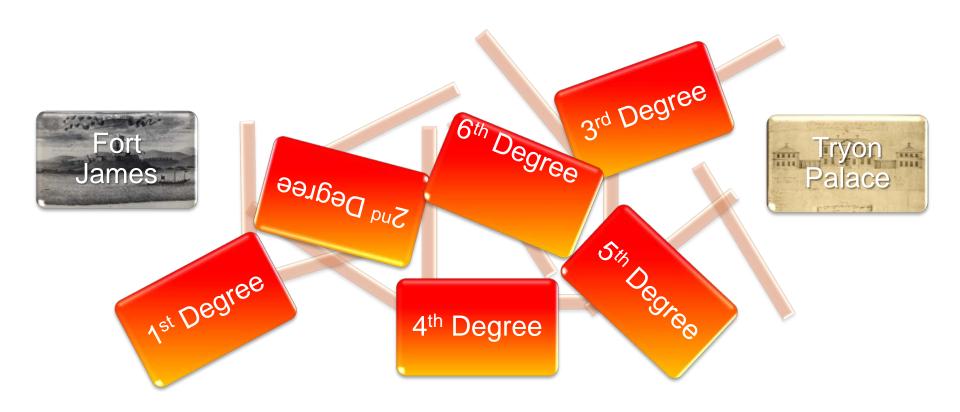
Sources are the foundation of historical narrative...



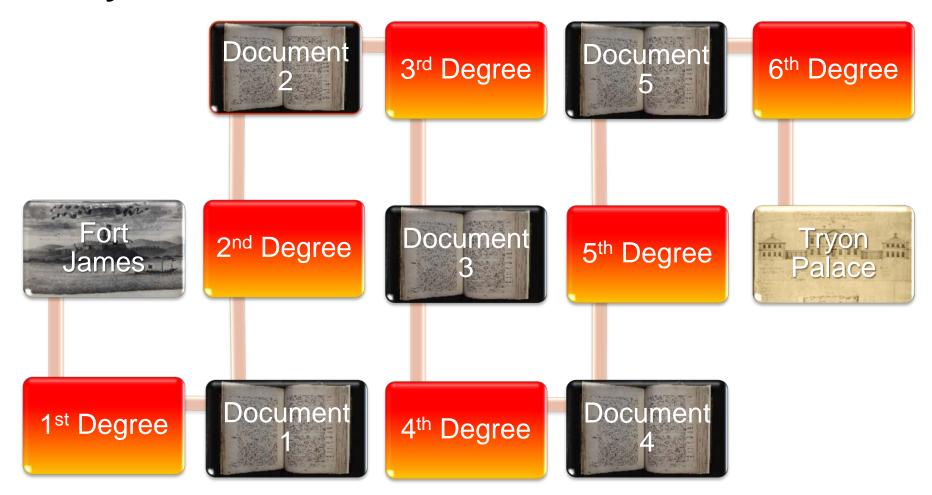
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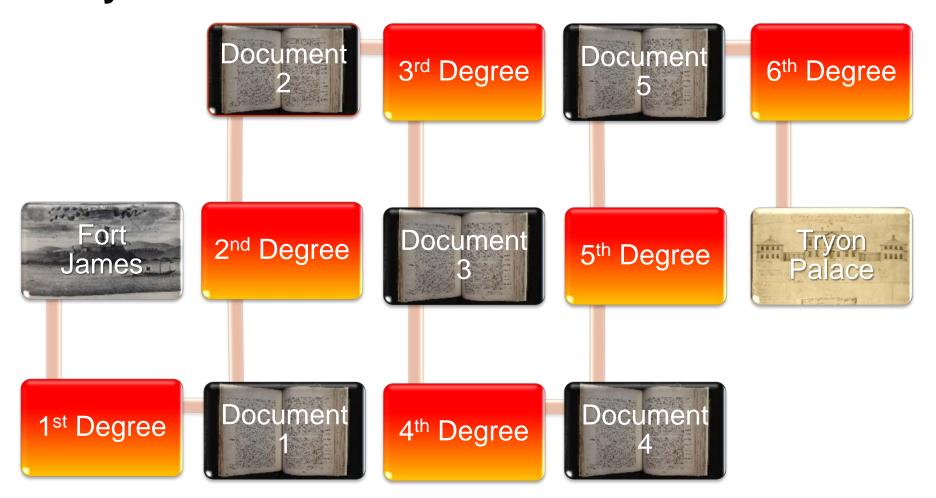
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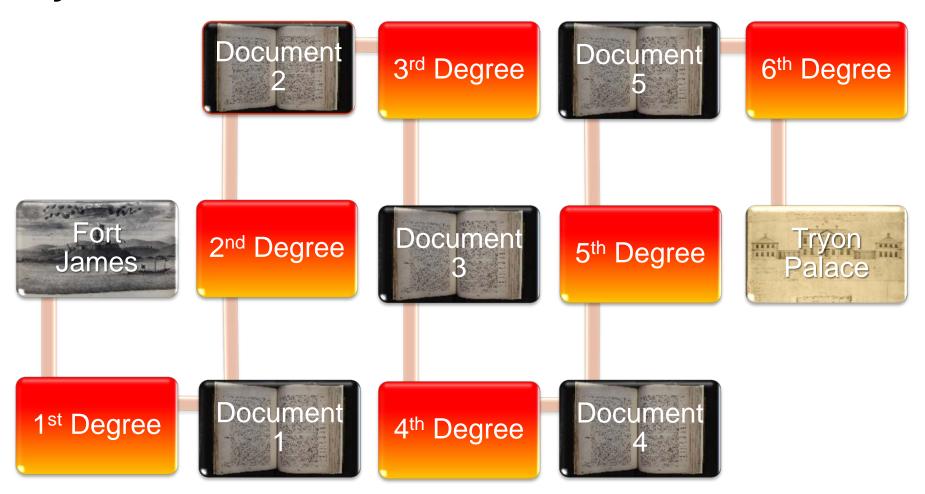
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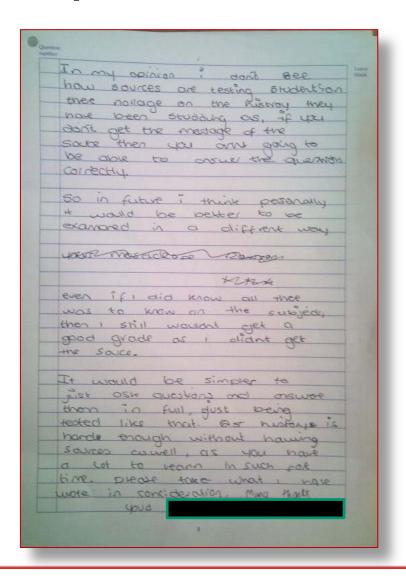
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Creating an Interpretation from Fort James to Tryon Palace



The problem with 'sources'...



... history is hard enough without having sources as well...

The legacy of not working with archives...





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