


History: year 8 Unit 4: What do the Whitechapel murders tell us about life in Victorian London?

Knowledge score out of :				
Assessment: Using evidence: How useful is this source to a historian trying to explain why the police failed to catch 'Jack the Ripper'?				
				
How useful is this source to a historian trying to explain why the police failed to catch 'Jack the Ripper'?	I can pick at least one point of information from a source to describe Jack the Ripper or the police in Victorian England	I can use my knowledge to agree with at least one point shown in the source. I am starting to think about how useful the source is.	I can use detailed knowledge to agree with at least one point shown in the picture. I can also use detailed knowledge to show one other reason the police failed to catch Jack the Ripper that is not included in the picture. I can say who made the source and suggest one reason why it might have been made. I can explain if this makes the source more or less reliable.	I can use complex knowledge and understanding to show how the picture is both useful and limited. I am able to give a detailed account to show how the type, author, provenance and purpose of the source may make it more or less reliable. I can link the reliability to the usefulness of the source.
What might this look like?	The police were blindfolded and couldn't find Jack the Ripper. Whitechapel was full of dark narrow alley ways.	The picture shows the police were blindfolded, meaning they couldn't see who Jack was. Using my knowledge I know that the Ripper worked at night in dark alley ways of Whitechapel and he could escape into the shadows easily.	On the one hand it is useful because it shows the police did not have help from the public – as someone in the back ground is shown to be removing a wanted poster. This refers to the public suspicion of the police. On the other hand it is limited because it doesn't show how there were 2 London police forces and they didn't share information to try and arrest the Ripper.	On the one hand, on the other hand... it is useful because... In addition to previous steps: The source is a cartoon from Punch magazine which wanted to make fun of the police and other powerful groups. This means they may have exaggerated the incompetence's of the police. However despite this exaggeration it is still useful for showing that people thought it was the fault of the police for not catching him, because they didn't gain public support by offering a reward and had very little technology available to them..
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