

# Sourcing Example (Advanced)



**Directions:** Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow.

**Source:** This is part of a news story reporting on claims of Italian atrocities during a conflict between Italy and the Ottoman Empire in North Africa in 1911-12.

“Italian cruelties in [the North African city of] Tripoli and wholesale massacres of men, women and children by Italian troops in Northern Africa may lead shortly to a concerted demand by the powers that Italy observe the rules of civilized warfare. . . . England, in common with Germany and Austria, is preparing to notify Italy that her conduct of the war is intolerable. Austria, Italy's hereditary foe, is said to be on the point of threatening armed intervention if the murders are not stopped. Germany, always friendly to the Turks, is aroused at the reports of brutality.”

**Title:** “All Nations Criticize Italy’s Murders”  
**Publication:** *The Day Book* of Chicago, Illinois  
**Date:** November 4, 1911

- created during time of event (+)  
- created in U.S., not Italy or N. Africa

**Question 1:** How might this news story be useful as evidence of what happened in the fighting between Italy and the Ottoman Empire in 1911-12?

The news story would be helpful because it was written during the same year that the conflict between Italy and the Ottoman Empire started.

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**Question 2:** What about this source might make it less useful as evidence of what happened in the fighting between Italy and the Ottoman Empire, 1911-12?

The source might be less useful as evidence because it is an American news source reporting about an international event. May contain second hand information or misleading information.