# Aztec Religion Source Analysis

## Step 1: Understanding source analysis

The first thing we need to learn is what ‘source analysis’ means in History. Read the following webpage and answer the questions that follow:

Read: <https://www.historyskills.com/source-criticism/analysis/>

1. What is 'source analysis'?
2. What are the six analysis skills used in History?
3. What two questions do we need to answer to understand the origin of a source?

## Step 2: Understanding source origin

Watch the following video and answer the questions that follow:

[How to analyse a historical source's origin](https://youtu.be/642y3-PXqTA)



1. The origin of a source is...
2. The two things you need to state for source origin are:
3. In order to state these two things, you will need to...
4. When a creator's name is not known, you need to...
5. In the first example, who was the source creator?
6. In the second example, what type of source was it?

## Step 3: Analysis of sources

Using the assigned sources for this activity, answer the questions that follow:

# Source 1

1. According to Source 1, what did Aztec priests do as part of their religious duties?
2. According to Source 1, why was human sacrifice important to the Aztecs?
3. According to Source 1, who was sacrificed?
4. What is the origin of Source 1?

# Source 2

1. In what ways does Source 2 [corroborate](https://www.historyskills.com/source-criticism/analysis/corroboration/) Source 1?
2. What is the origin of Source 2?

# Source 3

1. What [type of source](https://www.historyskills.com/source-criticism/analysis/source-kind-and-type/) is Source 3?
2. What is the origin of Source 3?
3. Where is Source 3 located today?

**Paragraph Writing**

Based upon what you have learnt in your source analysis, answer the question below in paragraph format (Topic Sentence, Explanation, Evidence, Concluding Sentence):

*Why was religion an important part of Aztec life?*

In your response, use [direct quotes](https://www.historyskills.com/quoting/direct-quotes/) and [in-text referencing](https://www.historyskills.com/referencing/in-text-referencing/) from the sources above.