

Candidate 11 evidence

Source B (below) is from a letter written by Pliny the Younger in the early 2nd century AD describing the eruption of Vesuvius.

They discussed whether to stay indoors or take their chances outside, for the buildings were now shaking, and seemed to be swaying backwards and forwards as if they were torn from their foundations. The pumice and ash were also building up quickly. Outside there was the danger of falling pumice stones, even though these were light they could still cause injury; however, after comparing the risks they chose to leave. As a protection against falling objects, they put pillows on their heads tied down with cloths.

14. Evaluate the usefulness of Source B for describing the impact of the eruption of Vesuvius on the town of Pompeii.

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You could comment on **who** wrote it, **when** they wrote it, **what** they say, **why** they say it or what it has **missed out**.

14.	Source B is a primary source which is written by pliny the younger in early 2nd century AD on the day of the traumatic eruption of pompeii.
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