

Evaluating Multiple Sources

Using multiple primary sources will help to deepen your understanding of a topic or issue. Primary sources include, but are not limited to, letters, interviews, photographs, and cultural artifacts, such as everyday objects or works of art.

Practice using multiple sources to learn more about a historic event. Look closely at the following three sources documenting a memorial march on April 8, 1968 that took place after the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Ackland photograph: [Untitled \(Coretta Scott King and children, Jesse Jackson, Harry Belafonte in crowd\)](#), by Burk Uzzle

News broadcast: [Memphis March Honors MLK from ABC News](#) (video length 6:20)

Newspaper photograph: [Photograph of march in the Memphis Press-Scimitar](#)

[Photograph of march in The Commercial Appeal](#)

Newspaper article: The Commercial Appeal newspaper, Memphis, TN April 9, 1968
(see pages 2 and 3 below)

Critically evaluate the three sources by answering the following questions:

- List three things you learned from each source.
- What do the sources tell you about the Memphis march on April 8, 1968?
- What does it tell you about life in the United States at the time?
- What questions do you still have and where might you find the answers?