



Finding out about the past

Learning objective: To assess the usefulness of sources in finding out about the past.

Learning Outcomes

- All of you will be able to analyse some sources to reach conclusions.
- Most of you will be able to assess the usefulness of different sources.
- Some of you may be able to say why some sources are more useful than others.

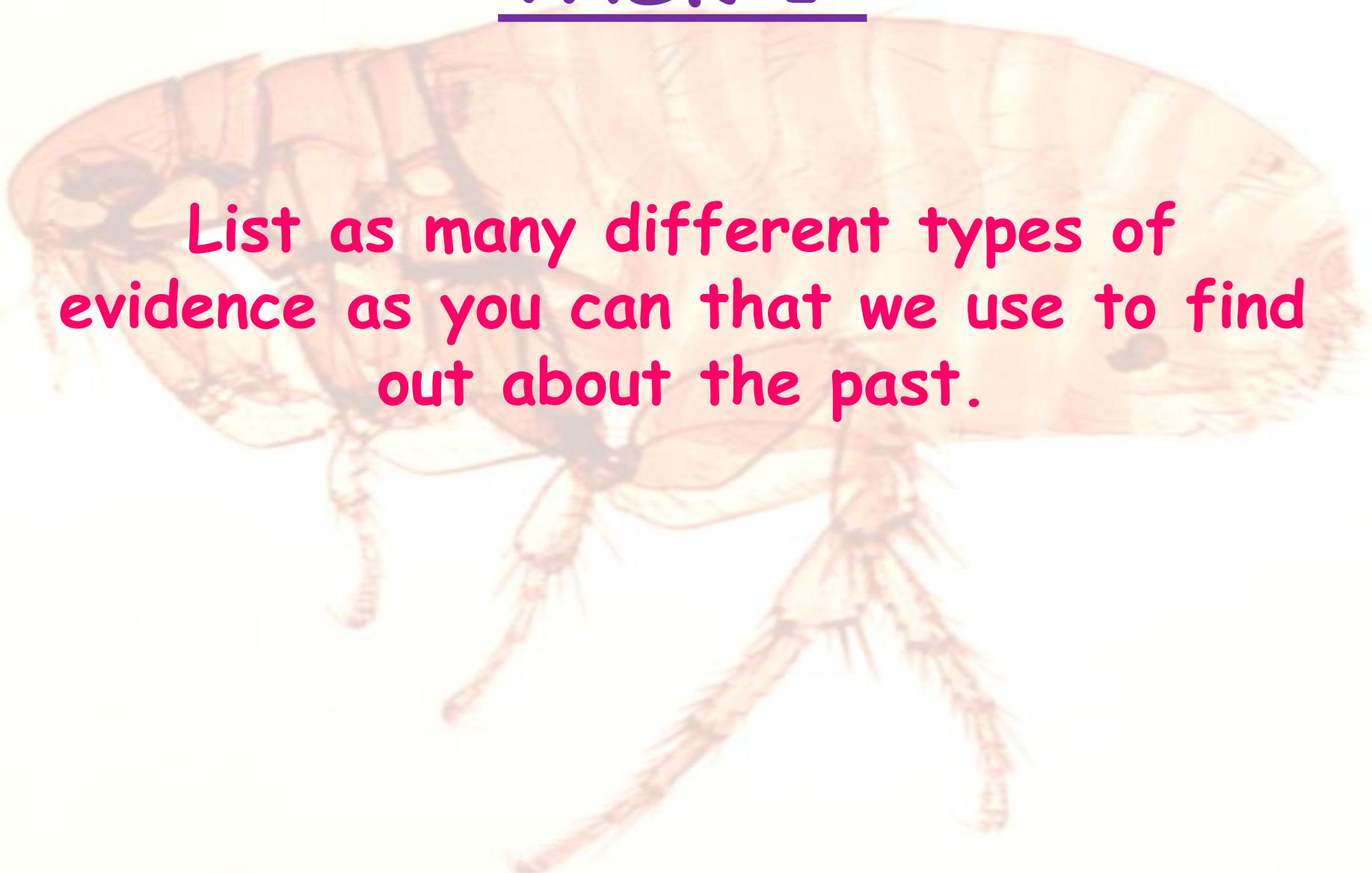
Starter:



- Write down:
 - 3 things you can see,
 - 2 things you think are happening,
 - and 1 question you might have.

TASK 1:

List as many different types of evidence as you can that we use to find out about the past.



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What are the different types of evidence we use to find out about the past?

1. Artefacts
2. Pictures/Paintings
3. Documents
4. Stories
5. Expert opinion

TASK 2:

Prioritise the different types of evidence.

Put them in order of usefulness - (1= the most useful and 5 = least useful)

Then write a sentence to explain why

Task 3:

Now test the usefulness of evidence.

Then analyse evidence to find information about the plague of the 1660s.

Complete the sheet

Find out as much as possible about the plague.

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Task 5:

Answer the following questions about the evidence;

1. What have you found out about the plague from the evidence?
2. Which sources were primary evidence? How do you know?
3. Which sources were secondary evidence? How do you know?
4. What stands out as the most interesting thing you have learnt?

Task 6:

- Re-order the types of evidence into what you now think are the most useful.
- Has your order changed? Explain.

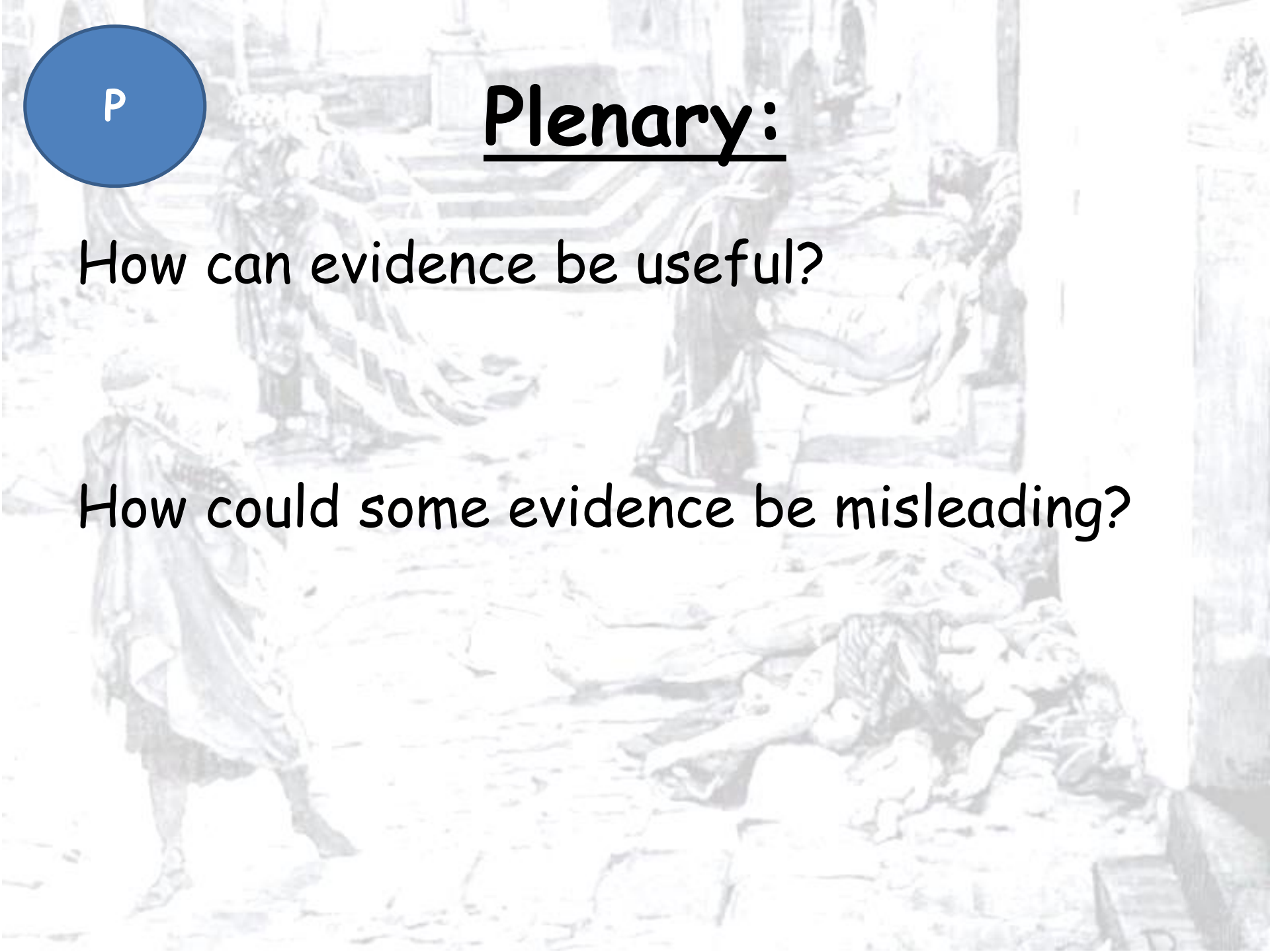


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Plenary:

How can evidence be useful?

How could some evidence be misleading?



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