

Pamphlets, Propaganda and Reading Like a Historian – Guiding Questions

Question	An Abstract of Certain Depositions	More Happy News from Ireland	Bloody Persecution of Protestants
Sourcing: Are there any clues this is an official document?			
Does the place of publication suggest anything about the audience this pamphlet was written for?			
Does the pamphlet give concrete details about the events described (place, date etc?)			

Close reading: Is the style of the reporting factual or sensational?			
How are the rebels portrayed in these documents? Is there any evidence of bias?			
What are the aims of the Irish rebels according to the authors?			

Corroborating: Do you recognise any of the names of the deponents from previous lessons.			
Contextualise: From what you already know about the 1641 Rebellion do the events described here seem more or less violent and dramatic.			