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Unit 4 Option B: Media Through Time (Short Course)**

Sources Booklet

Sources A to C for use in answering Question 1

Source A A picture from a modern children's book showing a scribe at work in Ancient Egypt

The scribe was considered one of the most respected professions in Ancient Egypt. It became a specialised profession, usually for members of the upper classes. Training to be a scribe started at the age of five and could take up to twelve years. Girls and boys from poor or lower class families were not allowed to become scribes.



Source B A nineteenth century drawing of a broadside seller

Broadsides were on sale everywhere at this time. They provided popular entertainment (songs, gossip, news of crimes and executions) and a means of spreading radical ideas about politics and religion – all for less than 1/2p a time!



Turn over for Source C

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Source C An image from a BBC News 24 report in 2003 by John Simpson. He is reporting on an incident in the Iraq War when a convoy of US and Kurdish trucks was mistakenly hit by US missiles.

During the First Gulf War in 1991 reporters complained that they were kept miles away from the action, but in the Iraq War hundreds of journalists were 'embedded' with the troops. This meant that they ate and slept alongside soldiers and saw the fighting as it happened.



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