

2 (a) Study Sources A and B in the Sources Booklet.

Sensationalised

How useful are Sources A and B for an enquiry into the problems facing immigrants in the Whitechapel area?

Explain your answer, using Sources A and B and your knowledge of the historical context.

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Source A is an illustration published in the English Illustrated Magazine in 1890. It is useful, because it shows us what conditions were like in the Jews Temporary Shelter. It shows Jews sitting at a table and eating soup. This suggests that society welcomed these Jewish immigrants and helped them while they found work. It shows us that many immigrants struggled to find work and pay for their own lodging. However, Source A is limited, because it was published in a magazine, so the relatively good conditions shown may have been due to sensationalisation, as many Jews immigrants at the time were disliked and the public blamed them for the lack of work availability.

Source B is useful. It is a report, from an assistant inspector of factories, which was sent to a ~~government~~ government for an official report. This is useful because it is likely to be honest, due to the

fact that inspectors were employed in order to be honest. Also, it was used in an official report, so is not likely to be exaggerated. It explains the conditions in a workshop, like ~~that~~ ^{those} in which ~~many~~ many ~~immigrants~~ immigrants would have worked. ~~The~~

This is useful, because it shows us the unpleasantness in which they worked and this would have been a key problem faced by ~~immigrants~~ immigrants at the time.

"The workshop is usually found in a basement or attic, hidden from the outside world." "The immigrants are imprisoned day and night... and are paid a starvation wage." This suggests that many immigrants were starving and had no choice but to work for such a low income. At the time, work was hard to find, so immigrants were forced to take low paid work in harsh conditions, as they had nothing ~~from their~~ when they entered the country. Often, workers exploited this fact and used immigrants for cheap labour. The source is limited, however, because it does not specifically speak about immigrants in Whitechapel.