



Toolkit 4 - Worksheet 4a – Using Reason & Evidence To Decide What is True

Ask yourself

- Is there any way of getting evidence? That is, is there something you can touch, see, hear, smell, or taste that you can find out more about?
- Could you do an experiment? That is, could you form a hypothesis (have an idea), work out what would happen if your hypothesis (idea) were true, and then test whether that is in fact what happens?
- Is there more than one source of evidence? That is, could you or anyone else repeat the experiment and see if the same thing happens? If you are looking for evidence in history, is there more than one document, picture, letter, etc, which says that that event happened?
- What is the simplest explanation of the evidence? Is there an explanation which does not require us to believe in things for which we have no evidence?