

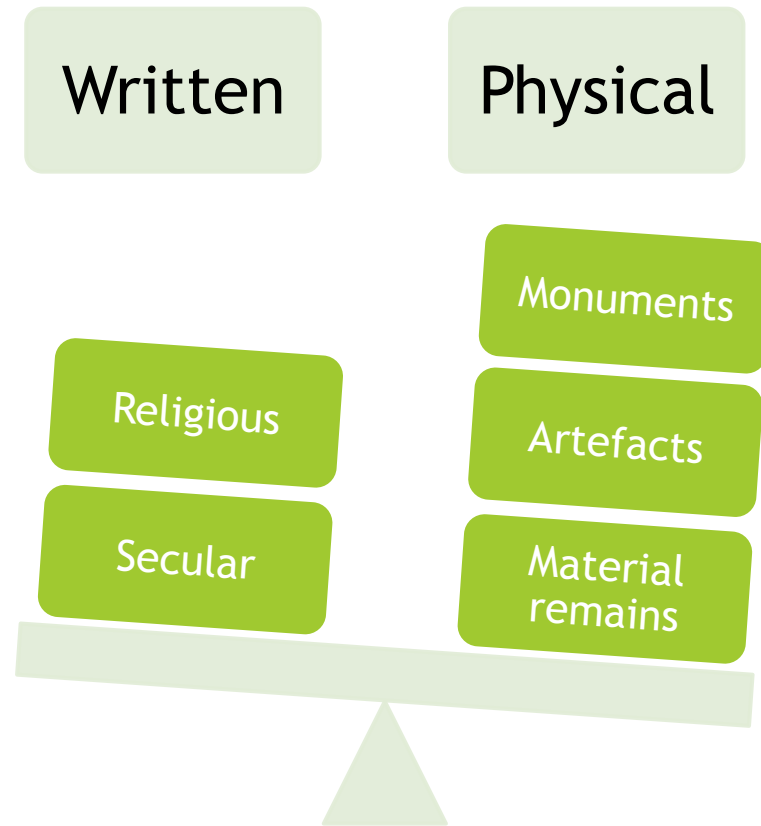
# Understanding Sources

Review of topic

# What are sources?

- ▶ The study of History is an inquiry
- ▶ Traces of the past are studied to understand what happened
- ▶ Sources are not always complete- Why not?
  - ▶ Decay and destruction
  - ▶ Deliberate manipulation of sources
  - ▶ Biased views
  - ▶ Lack of recording- The Chinese for example maintained meticulous and detailed records
- ▶ Inferences are made from sources

# Types of Sources- Broad categories



# Written Sources

- ▶ How many different types of sources can you name?

# Physical Sources

- ▶ Examples of physical sources?
- ▶ Buildings - Forts , palaces, waterworks , aqueducts
- ▶ Monuments- Commemorate a single event -Victory tower,
- ▶ Physical remains and artefacts- coins, bones , weapons, skeletons, utensils and so on
- ▶ Each sources if interpreted helps to create, confirm and corroborate information

## 3 C's of source study

- ▶ Context
- ▶ Confirmation
- ▶ Corroborate

# For a group activity: Look closely at the coin. What can it tell us?

Group	Information available
Group 1	Did the people have a language? Numbers? Measurements ? Currency? What is the evidence?
Group 2	Did the people know metal working? Did they know mining? What does this tell us about the civ?
Group 3	Did they have a religion? Who did they worship? How? What is the evidence?
Group 4	What occupations did this culture have? What evidence is there to support your view?
Group 5	Is there proof of education ? How is it carried out?
Group 6	Was there a system of government? What evidence exists?
Group 7	Did the people fight wars? Did they know the use of weapons? What proof is there?