

Life before Photoshop: Erased from the Past

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Worksheet

Exercise 1

Use Source A to evaluate whether the statements in the table below are true (T) or false (F).

Modern photo-editing software first appeared in the late 19th century.	
In the 19th century, photo retouching was mainly the domain of artists, who were often photographers.	
Initially, only members of the highest social strata could afford to improve their photographs.	
Photography became mass entertainment available to almost all in the first part of the 20th century.	
Rulers have never retouched their images.	
Textbooks for retouchers came with contemporary digital photography.	
Photographs were already manipulated in the 19th century, both in order to beautify the persons presented and for expedient political reasons.	
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Exercise 2

Use Sources A and B to prove the claim that photograph retouching can be used for pursuing expedient political goals and manipulating facts.

Your answer:

Exercise 3

Use Sources D and E to specify what Leon Trotsky and Lev Kamenev had in common. List at least three aspects.

Your answer:

Exercise 4

Is the information from Source C reflected in Sources D and E? Justify your reply referring to the sources.

Your answer:

Exercise 5

History falsification or just slight retouching? Explain why Joseph Stalin decided to erase his former fellow comrades with whom he took part in the same revolutions and crimes.

Your answer:

Exercise 6

Use Source I to create a metaplan following the model below.

What is the situation?		How should it be?
	PROBLEM Manipulating history – photography	
Why is it not the way it should be?		What should you do?