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**Using the information you gather on the web site, answer the following questions about the unit.**

**1.** The letters used as sources in this unit are both business letters. Why might a business letter be a good source for your research?

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What problems might arise when using a business letter as a source?

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How might you use a business letter differently than you might use a personal letter?

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**2.** Newspapers often publish anniversary editions or commemorative editions of their papers to celebrate or mark a special event. In this case, the Hibbing newspaper published an issue celebrating the town's first 10 years. How might an anniversary edition be a good source for a historian to use?

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What might be important cautions to consider when using an anniversary edition as a source?

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3. Longyear kept a notebook of his work drilling for iron. What kinds of things can we learn from notebooks like this kept by scientists?

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Why might it be important for future scientists to see these notebooks?

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Why might research done years or even hundreds of years in the past still be helpful?

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4. The advertisement in this section is encouraging people to buy land in a developing town on the range. What might we do if we wanted to find out if this town survived over time?

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What sources might help us learn more about its early years?

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What sources might help us find out more about the town today?

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