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

1. What can information about a purchase (such as Merritt's purchase of land in the newspaper article) tell us about a person?

What other sources might give us more information about the purchase or the reasons behind it?

How could we find out if a purchase was a good investment for the person we are studying?

2. Court records can give us a summary of a case or argument against someone. What role can court records play in your research if you are studying a person's life?

What other kinds of legal documents would help your research?

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3. In a court case, there are always at least two sides to a story. The issue involving the Merritts and the Rockefellers is an example of this. What advantages are there to seeing both sides of an issue when doing your research?

What challenges can this present for the researcher?

4. In looking at Gates's pamphlet and Merritt's response to the pamphlet, how would you go about deciding which of these was more accurate?

What other information might you need to make that decision?

Where might you look to get that information?
