

Year 11 February Half Term Task

English Language Paper 2

Section A: Reading



Name _____

Due _____

Source A

The Truth

The Sun front page - 19th April 1989

Drunk Liverpool fans viciously attacked rescue workers as they tried to revive victims of the Hillsborough soccer disaster, it was revealed last night.

Police officers, firemen and ambulance crew were punched, kicked and urinated upon by a hooligan element in the crowd.

Some thugs rifled the pockets of injured fans as they were stretched out unconscious on the pitch.

Sheffield officers — stung ' by criticism of themselves and their boss Superintendent Roger Marshall — hit back yesterday to reveal their side of the story.

As the death of a 14-year-old boy brought the toll to 95, cops claimed their rescue effort was hampered by hooligans tanked up at a three-hour boozing session.

One furious policeman who witnessed the disaster on Saturday stormed: "To paint all the Liverpool fans lilywhite is wrong.

"As we struggled in appalling conditions to save lives, fans standing further up the terrace were openly urinating on us and the bodies of the dead.

"And as policemen on the pitch tried to save the injured they were hampered by other Liverpool fans kicking and punching them."

Most police officers refused to be named because of the impending full scale inquiry.

But a high ranking officer at the ground said: "They were just acting like animals. My men faced a double hell — the disaster and the fury of the fans who attacked us."



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Source B

The Real Truth
The Sun front page – 13th September 2012

THE real truth behind the Hillsborough disaster was finally revealed yesterday — 23 years after the tragedy claimed 96 innocent lives.

An independent report showed police tried to cover up catastrophic failings by disgracefully smearing Liverpool football fans, pinning the blame on them and falsifying reports.

It also disclosed FORTY-ONE victims of the 1989 FA Cup semi-final horror could have been saved if emergency services had acted faster.

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The devastating report into the Hillsborough tragedy savaged the police for a shocking catalogue of lies, blunders and smears.

The astonishing conclusions sparked a wave of shame and regret — but families of the 96 victims immediately demanded a CRIMINAL inquiry.

The independent report — one of the most damning ever seen in Britain — said senior police officers led a deliberate campaign to blame dead fans for the tragedy.

Cops’ notes were doctored to suggest supporters were drunk, had arrived without tickets and forced their way into the ground.

But the Hillsborough Independent Panel, led by the Bishop of Liverpool James Jones, completely EXONERATED Liverpool fans killed in Britain’s biggest football disaster.



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23 YEARS AFTER HILLSBOROUGH..

THE TRUTH

By RICHARD MORIARTY
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● Cops smeared Liverpool fans to deflect blame

● 41 lives could have been saved, says new probe

● **THE SUN:** We are profoundly sorry for false reports

● Families of 96 victims call for prosecutions



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