

# FOCUS ON FILM

## Activity 2: Behind the smiles: Evaluating film of Potsdam 1945

### Recording Sheet

Read the sources and then watch the film clip of the Potsdam Conference of July-August 1945. Compare what you can see and hear in the film commentary with the sources. What does this evidence show about relations between the allies?

<b>Source 1:</b> Prime Minister Winston Churchill to US President Truman, May 12th 1945.	What does it suggest about relations between the allies?
<b>Source 2:</b> 'Operation Unthinkable' - a surprise attack on the USSR, 1945.	What does it suggest about relations between the allies?
<b>Film clip</b> of the Potsdam Conference 1945.	What does it suggest about relations between the allies?
<b>Film clip</b> of the Potsdam Conference 1945	What does it <b>not show</b> regarding relations between the allies?
What conclusions would you draw about the nature of film as evidence?	