

Dracula

Bram Stoker

Why does Harker end a book made of journals and records by saying they are not proof?

TOTAL TIME

PASSAGE

30 minutes	A documentary novel ends by rejecting proof
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FIND THE ANCHOR TEXT

Use the Anchor Text Table of Contents in the Enhanced Reader to open the START anchor. Then use the dropdown to select the END anchor.

SECTION / LOCATION	Note · Seven years later
START	We were struck with the fact, that in all the mass of material of which the record is composed, there is hardly one authentic document;
END	“We want no proofs; we ask none to believe us!”
PASSAGE ID	sec-dra-04

THE MOVE

Question evidence after a narrative built out of documents

WHY THIS PASSAGE

The novel has built authority through journals, letters, telegrams, and records, yet Harker ends by admitting that the archive may not count as formal proof. The final note separates the value of shared testimony from the standards of external verification.

MARK

Underline references to the collected documents or record. Circle the reasons Harker gives for doubting their status as proof. Star the final declaration that belief is not being demanded.

NOTICE

- What kind of authority have documents provided throughout the novel?
- What standard of 'proof' does Harker think the archive may fail to meet?
- Why might a story built from records end by refusing to insist that outsiders believe them?

THINK

Answer provisionally: Why does Harker end a book made of journals and records by saying they are not proof? Choose the strongest interpretation you can defend from this passage alone.

WRITE

Write a short evidence-based response to: Why does Harker end a book made of journals and records by saying they are not proof? Use at least two details from the assigned passage and explain how they support your interpretation.

CLOSE

Name the single detail that most changed or sharpened your interpretation, and explain why.

STRONG ANSWER	The ending separates an archive from formal proof. Journals and records have organized shared experience for the characters, but Harker admits outsiders may not accept those documents as independently authenticated evidence.
EVIDENCE	Use the references to the collected records and the final statement that they do not compel belief.
WATCH FOR	Do not conclude the novel declares its own events false. The issue is the standard of proof available to someone outside the experience.
SOLO	Read the exact passage independently.
SUPPORTED	Use narration and sentence highlighting while reading the same passage.
LISTENING	Listen to the exact passage; visual following is optional. Same question and evidence demand.

STUDENT PAGE · SAME PASSAGE, SAME THINKING

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OPEN THE MARKED PASSAGE IN TUMBLELIT

SOLO: read independently. SUPPORTED: use narration + highlighting. LISTENING: listen to the exact passage. The question and evidence task stay the same.

1. MARK - Underline references to the collected documents or record. Circle the reasons Harker gives for doubting their status as proof. Star the final declaration that belief is not being demanded.
2. NOTICE - What kind of authority have documents provided throughout the novel? What standard of 'proof' does Harker think the archive may fail to meet? Why might a story built from records end by refusing to insist that outsiders believe them?
3. THINK - Answer provisionally: Why does Harker end a book made of journals and records by saying they are not proof?
4. WRITE - Write a short response using at least two pieces of evidence from this passage.

Use evidence from the assigned passage. Show what you noticed and how the text supports your interpretation.