The Noble Appeal:
Establishing Truth in True Reports from the Early Modern Era

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1550s

- Enforce the authority of the church
1560s

- Establish validity of details
1570s

- Showing the audience details
1580s and beyond

- Conquest and the New World
Early Reports:
Archdeacon John Philpot v. Minister Nicolas des Gallars

- John Philpot
- Archdeacon of Winchester
- Winchester and London are both in Province of Canterbury
Early Reports:
Archdeacon John Philpot v. Minister Nicolas des Gallars

- Nicolas des Gallars
- Minister of French Church in London
- Foreign author writing from foreign land
Strange Reports

- Eyewitnesses
- Lists of Details
- Images
Strange Reports

- Religious context
- Specific location and name
- Moral of the story
Strange Reports

- List of Eyewitnesses
...because I know you want to see it rotated
Distant Reports

- Epistle Dedicatory page for local support
- Lots and lots of details
- Confirming materials
Promotional Reports

- To promote the New World

A TRUE REPORT,
Of the late discoveries,
and possession, taken in the right of
the Crown of Englands, of the New
Gord London: By the moste wise and munyke
Gentlemen, Sir Hamory Gilders
Knight.

Wherein is also breuiely sette downe, her
highnest lawfull Tyde thence, and the grete and
manichale Commodities, that is likely to grow
thereby, to the whole Realme in generall,
and to the Adventurers in particular.
Together with the estimes and
charges of the Voyage.

Scene and allowed.

At London,
Printed by I.C. for John Hinde,
wherein in Pauls Church-yard, at
the signe of the golden Hindes.
Anno. 1583.
Promotional Reports

- Much support is needed to establish authority
Promotional Reports
...with images
Thank you