



Primary and --- Secondary Sources

Important:



At the end of this presentation, there is a link to a short Microsoft Forms quiz. You must score at least 80% on the quiz to pass.

We encourage you to study the module carefully before taking the quiz.

Objectives

- Understand what is a primary source
- Understand what is a secondary source
- Know the differences between the types of sources the presentation discusses

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Why it is important to cite/ give references?

On a world where the misinformation it is everywhere, citing serves as a credibility tool. However, it also functions as a way to let know the reader where you find information . More importantly, it protects your ideas from plagiarism and gives credit to the people whose words or idea you are using.

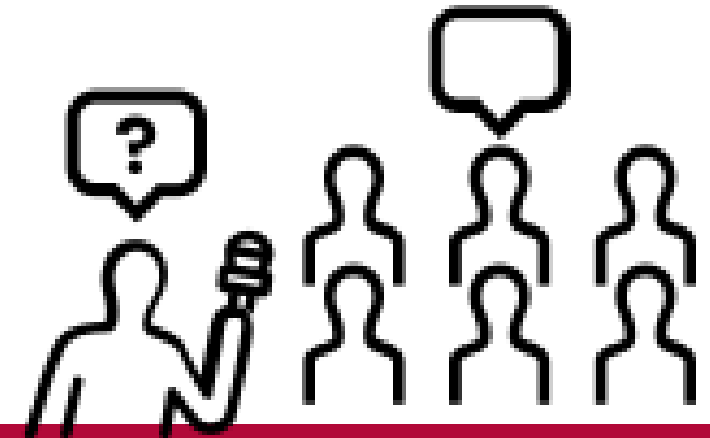
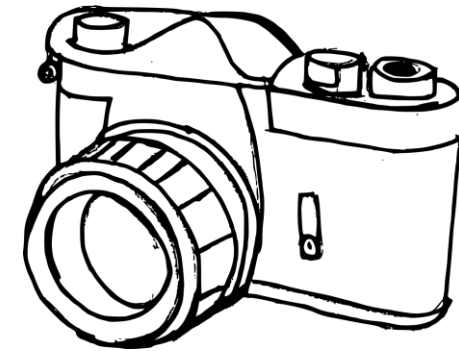
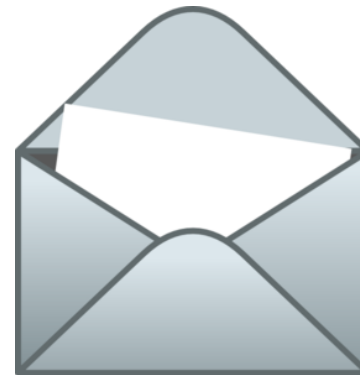
What is a Primary Source?



A primary source is a direct record or evidence of an event or time that occurred by people or things. See it as someone who is perceiving something by themselves, like they were present there, on firsthand.

A Primary source can be:

- Letters
- Photographs
- Interviews
- Articles on newspapers
- Video recordings
- Research studies
- Autobiographies



Note:

With technological development, old primary sources can be lost or left behind.

That is why, a letter or picture that works as primary source can be on a website, as long as it does not change the source material.

Example: An old newspaper that you find on a website





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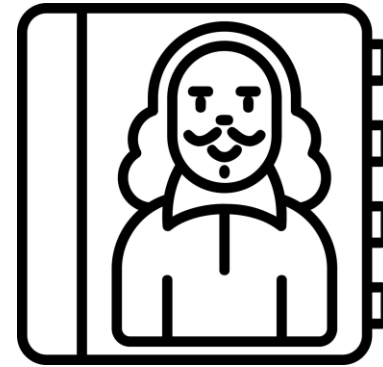
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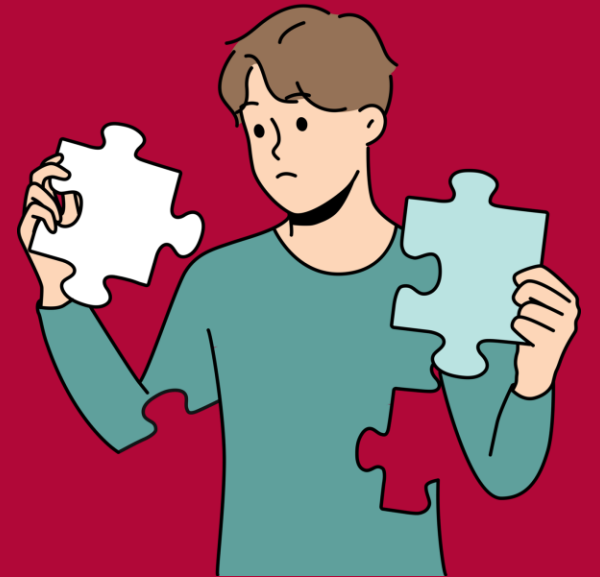
A secondary source usually ends up being an analysis, critique, interpretation, comment, opinion or restatement of a primary source. Are considered to be persuasive. Most of the time it tends to describe primary sources. Are created by someone who did **not** experience firsthand the events that are been researched

A Secondary source can be:

- Textbooks
- Books that interpret
- Analysis
- Journal articles with comments
- Biographies
- Criticism of a subject



Differences Between Primary and Secondary Sources



| Primary Source | Secondary Source |
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| Gives direct access to the subject of the research | Provide second-hand information and commentary from other researchers. |
| Raw information | Analyze information from the primary source |
| Offers direct information | Relays on someone else interpretation |
| Has not been modified | Can be modified |
| Experiences firsthand the research topic | Written by someone who did not witness or have a direct part in the event they are describing. |
| Offers an original though | Interprets that though |

| Primary Source | Secondary Source |
|----------------------------|--|
| Theses | Textbook |
| Scholarly Journal Articles | Books and Articles that Interpret or Review Research Works |
| Government Reports | Political Analyses and Commentaries |
| Poems | Literary Criticism and Interpretation |
| Autobiographies | Biographies |

How can I tell what type of source I am reading?

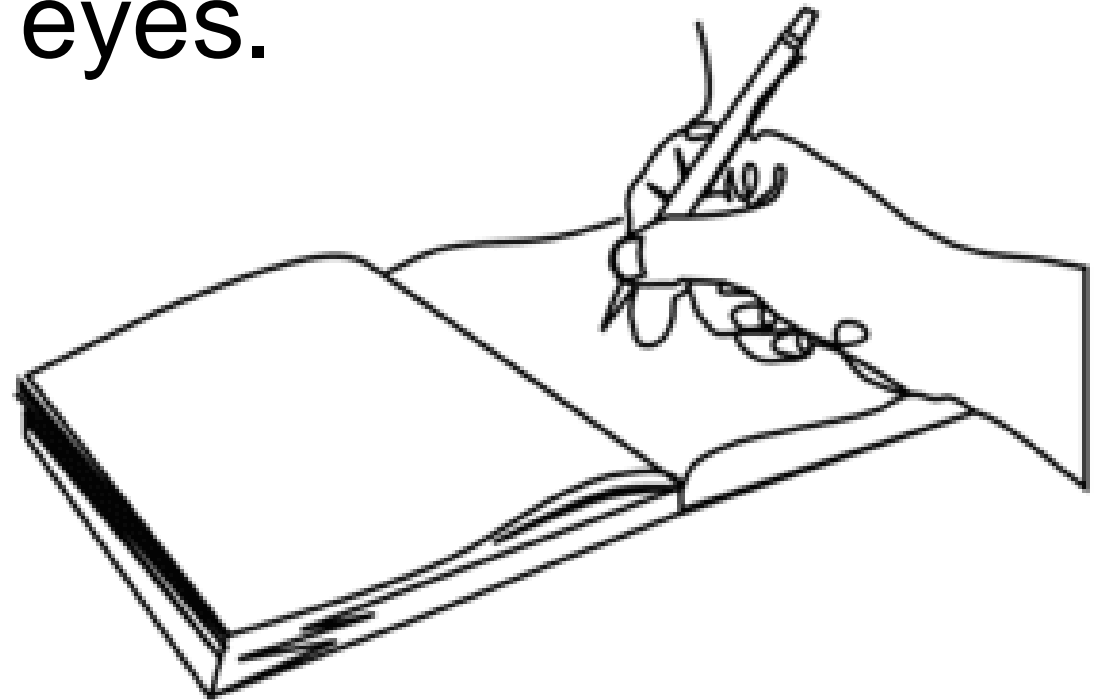


Ask yourself:

- If the author can tell you details (names, dates, times) of what it is talking about.
- Was the author perceiving the event on first-hand?
- Where does the information comes from? (other sources, personal experience, reports created by the author or others)

Deciding whether a report or examination project utilizes primary or secondary sources isn't generally easy. Newspaper and magazine articles are typically viewed as secondary sources. Be that as it may, assuming a story in a paper depicts a conflict through an observer account, then, at that point, **it would be an primary source.**

Every source material utilized needs to be evaluated critically since even the most moral and exhaustive work is seen via the interpreter's or writer's eyes.



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