

Primary and Secondary Sources

Primary Sources-

Give three examples of primary sources:

- a.
- b.
- c.

Secondary Sources-

Give three examples of secondary sources:

- a.
- b.
- c.

Assessment Questions- For each of the following mark “P” if the source is primary or “S” if the source is secondary

1. _____ A diary titled “Life in the Mines” from a miner named Lucky Noah who lived in Idaho in the 1870’s
2. _____ A magazine article from 2011 titled “Mining in the Old West in the 1860’s to the 1890’s”
3. _____ A chapter in your world history textbook about the Ancient Greeks.
4. _____ An original photograph from the 1941 attack at Pearl Harbor that you found in your grandparents’ photo album
5. _____ An original World War I uniform worn by your great grandfather
6. _____ An encyclopedia entry on the Vietnam War
7. _____ The diary of Anne Frank (a young girl who lived in hiding during the Holocaust)
8. _____ Sheet music that was used to play military tunes during the Revolutionary War
9. _____ A web site that summarizes Ancient Roman mythology
10. _____ A map of China created during ancient times.

- 11.____ An ancient tablet of Babylonian King Hammurabi’s Code of Laws
- 12.____ Pictures taken by your Aunt Sally of the World Trade Center attack
- 13.____ A newspaper article outlining the effect of the Wars in Iraq and Afghanistan
- 14.____ A manuscript of Barack Obama’s first speech as President.
- 15.____ An ancient Egyptian mummy you saw at a museum.

Creative Writing- *Pick an interesting story that happened to you this summer. Write a primary account (you were there when it happened) of that event. Then, find out a story from a friend or family member of something that did not happen to you. Write a secondary account (you were not there when it happened) about that event. You may write in the space provided or write your stories on a separate sheet of paper.*

Primary account (5 sentence minimum):

Secondary Account (5 sentence minimum):

Primary and Secondary Sources-Answer Key

Primary Sources- *Anything that was written, used, or owned by the people who actually lived during a specific time period and actually made history.*

Give three examples of primary sources:

- a. Original uniforms worn at a time in history
- b. Diaries written at the time of the event
- c. Film footage of a historic event

Secondary Sources- *Something written, used, owned AFTER a time in history that reflects, analyzes, or interprets an event in history.*

Give three examples of secondary sources:

- a. Textbooks
- b. Encyclopedias
- c. Newspapers

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Creative Writing- *Pick an interesting event that happened to you this summer. Write a primary account (you were there when it happened) of that event. Next, talk to a friend or family member about an event that happened to them. Write a secondary account (you were not there when it happened) about that event. You may write in the space provided or write about your events on a separate sheet of paper.*

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Secondary Account (5 sentence minimum):
