Primary and Secondary Sources



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What are Primary sources? Primary sources are created at the time historical events occurred, or well after events in the form of memoirs and oral histories.

They are created by witnesses or recorders who experienced the events or conditions being documented. A primary source reflects the individual viewpoint of a participant or observer

What are Secondary sources? A secondary source interprets and analyzes primary sources. These sources are one or more steps removed from the event. Secondary sources may have pictures, quotes or graphics of primary sources in them.

Using the word bank below put the source under the correct category.

Word Bank:

Autobiographies

Biographies

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| Commentaries | Criticisms | Diaries | Encyclopedias |
| Histories | Letters | Maps | Photographs |
| | Speeches | Textbooks | |
| Primary Sources: | | Secondary Sources: | |
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