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Primary Sources

Primary sources are **firsthand** accounts or descriptions. They are made by people who were present to see or experience something themselves.

Primary sources do **not** have to build on other sources.

Original content or research in subject areas like language arts and science are also considered primary sources.

examples

- diary or journal



- in-person photo or video



Careful!

Newspaper or magazine articles can be primary **or** secondary sources depending on whether or not the writer was present at an event or directly experienced the subject matter.

ALWAYS ASK:

- Was the creator present to see or experience it?