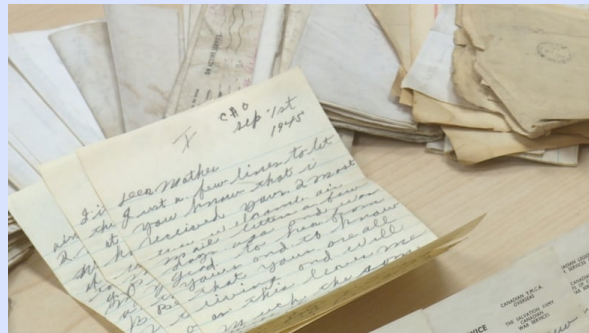


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PRIMARY OR SECONDARY SOURCE?

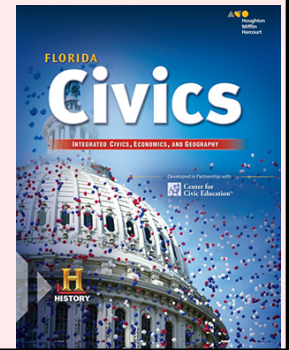
A **primary source** is information that was created at the same time as an event or by a person who witnessed the event.

Examples: Diaries, letters, speeches, official records



A **secondary source** is information from somewhere else or by a person not directly involved in the event.

Examples: Encyclopedias, textbooks, book reports



DIRECTIONS: Determine if each of the following examples is a primary or secondary source. Write “P” for primary source and “S” for secondary source in the middle column. In the third column, briefly explain why you have chosen that answer. Work together as a group.

SOURCE	Primary or Secondary?	Why?
1) A letter written by George Washington to his mother during the Revolutionary War.		
2) A textbook describing the civil rights movement.		
3) A history book describing Lewis and Clark's exploration of the Louisiana Purchase.		

4) A journal written by Meriwether Lewis about his exploration of the Louisiana Purchase.		
5) A diary written by a soldier during World War 2.		
6) A classmate giving a report about World War 2.		
7) Letters written by Abraham Lincoln.		
8) A biography about Abraham Lincoln.		
9) An actor describing what it was like on the set of a movie.		
10) A webpage talking about how life may have been in ancient Greece.		
11) A speech given by Martin Luther King, Jr., about civil rights.		
12) The movie <i>Titanic</i> .		
13) Your friend telling you about his teachers last year.		
14) A photo you just took and uploaded to Instagram.		