



# Primary Sources?

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What are the types of  
sources?

# Types

- Tertiary
- Secondary
- Primary

# Primary Sources

A primary sources is a **record** of a event or occurrence in some **format** and comes from a particular **point of view**.

What makes Primary  
Sources So Special?

# Working With Primary Sources

- Who
- What
- When
- Where
- Why
- What else do I need?



# Who

- Who made this?
- What group made this?
- Is the creator important for some reason?

Executive Mansion,  
Washington, 1863

Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth, upon this continent, a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that "all men are created equal"

Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived, and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battle-field of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of it, as a final resting place for those who died here, that the nation might live. This we may, in all propriety do. But, in a larger sense, we can not dedicate—we can not consecrate—we can not hallow, this ground—the brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have hallowed it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here; while it can never forget what they did here.

It is rather for us, the living, to stand here, <sup>we here be</sup>



# What?

- What is this?
- Is the “what” important?
  - Think format, design, layout?
- What does it tell you?



# When?

- What's the date of the record?
- Can we guess at the date?





# Where

- Where was this made?
- Why is the where important?



# Why?

- Why was this created?
- What was the purpose for the creation of this record?



1802, Barralet  
"The Apotheosis of Washington"



# What else?

- What other information do I need to understand this source?
- What contextual information do I need to

# How do you locate Primary Sources?

- Specific Database ([library.gcsu.edu](http://library.gcsu.edu))
  - Digital Library of Georgia
  - Library Catalogs
  - GALILEO
- Web ([www.google.com](http://www.google.com))
  - Google them
- Visiting an Archive