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PRIMARY OR SECONDARY? - WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

A PRIMARY SOURCE CAN BE:

LETTER, JOURNAL, INTERVIEW, SPEECHES, PHOTOS, PAINTINGS, ETC. PRIMARY SOURCES ARE CREATED BY SOMEONE WHO IS THE “FIRST PERSON”; THESE DOCUMENTS CAN ALSO BE CALLED “ORIGINAL SOURCE DOCUMENTS.”

A SECONDARY SOURCE CAN BE: MATERIALS THAT ARE WRITTEN WITH THE BENEFIT OF HINDSIGHT (INFORMATION) AND MATERIALS THAT FILTER PRIMARY SOURCES THROUGH INTERPRETATION OR EVALUATION. BOOKS COMMENTING ON A HISTORICAL INCIDENT IN HISTORY ARE SECONDARY SOURCES, CARTOONS

ONE IS NOT MORE RELIABLE THAN THE OTHER. VALUABLE INFORMATION CAN BE GLEANED FROM BOTH TYPES OF DOCUMENTS.

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