## USHist **Identifying Primary and Secondary Sources** Name: Determine if the listed source is a Primary Source (**P**) or a Secondary Source (**S**).

Primary Sources: Materials that were created at the time the event occurred, or materials created by those who experienced the event. These materials include letters, speeches, diaries, newspaper articles from the time period (by a reporter who was there first-hand), interviews with people who were around when the event occurred, documents, photographs, and articles such as tools, weapons, clothing from the time period.

**Secondary Sources**: Materials that were created after the event. These materials might tell you about an event, person, time, or place, but they were created by someone who was not a direct participant or witness. Secondary sources can include history books, school textbooks, encyclopedias, magazines, websites, and documentaries.

1. A friend giving a report about the Industrial Revolution's changes to the US.
2. A biography about the sixteenth president, Abraham Lincoln.
3. A high school teacher describing how the early colonists lived.
4. A blog written by an employee describing what it is like working at Apple.
5. A textbook describing 'the great war.'
6. Neil Armstrong giving an interview about being the first man to walk on the moon.
7. A letter from John Smith about his meeting with the Powhatan Indians.
8. The movie Titanic.
9. The History Channel explaining famous dances from the Roaring 20s.
10. An autobiography about Bill Gates.
11. A reporter describing his time in Iraq during the revolution of 1979.
12. The Declaration of Independence.
13. A TV show explaining what happened during the Vietnam War.
14. A website describing what the first World's Fair was like.
15. A WWII veteran talking about the war.
16. George Washington's diary describing the American War for Independence.
17. An actor describing what it was like on the set of a Civil War movie.

18. A friend describing a snowstorm she was in last year.
19. A newspaper article from 1941 describing the attack on Pearl Harbor.
20. A speech by Winston Churchill during the Battle of Britain.
21. A newspaper article from 2009 describing the Great Depression in the 1930s.
22. A radio recording of Charles Lindbergh talking about his solo Trans-Atlantic flight.
23. A Youtube video describing what it was like at the Woodstock music festival.
24. A news report about the opening of a new nuclear power plant.
25. A cartoon showing how Pocahontas met John Smith.
26. Anne Frank's diary describing her life in hiding during WWII.
27. A scientist explaining what it was like for Buzz Aldrin to walk on the moon.
28. A painting by Leonardo Da Vinci.
29. A famous artist's painting of what life was probably like in the wild west.
30. A radio broadcast from the day the Soviet Union launched Sputnik.
31. A short story describing Thomas Edison and Nikola Tesla's "electrical" battle.
32. Photographs of a battlefield from the Civil War.
33. A play showing how Benjamin Franklin flew a kite during a lightning storm.
34. An autobiography by the former Soviet leader Mikail Gorbachev.
35. An encyclopedia entry on Teddy Roosevelt.