



# Identifying Primary and Secondary Sources

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Determine if the source would be a Primary Source(P) or a secondary Source(S).

- A **Primary Source** is information that was created at the same time as an event or by a person directly involved in the event.

*Diaries, speeches, letters, official records, autobiographies.*

- A **Secondary Source** is information from somewhere else or by a person not directly involved in the event.

*Encyclopedias, textbooks, book reports.*

## Answers

- 1) A play showing how Benjamin Franklin flew a kite during a lightning storm.
- 2) A short story describing Thomas Edison and Nikola Tesla's 'electrical' battle.
- 3) Anne Frank's diary describing her life during World War 2.
- 4) A cartoon showing how Pocahontas met John Smith.
- 5) A text book describing the civil rights movement.
- 6) A news report about the opening of a power plant.
- 7) A scientist explaining what it was like for Buzz Aldrin to walk on the moon.
- 8) A YouTube video describing how the pyramids were built.
- 9) An interview with Alexander Graham Bell about how he invented the telephone.
- 10) A radio broadcast from the day the Soviet Union launched Sputnik.
- 11) An autobiography about the 40th president, Ronald Reagan.
- 12) A book describing Christopher Columbus sailing to America.
- 13) A famous artist's painting of what cowboy life was probably like.
- 14) A journal by a cowboy about the cattle drives from Texas to Kansas.
- 15) The United States Constitution.

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