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# Primary & Secondary Sources

I want to tell you a story that I wasn't there to see,  
I'm starting on the research, but I need some clarity.  
I'm checking out some sources, documents with info,  
Primary, secondary, that's some different lingo.  
Primary source is original, the first,  
By a person who was there in their own words:  
A diary, a letter, video, photography,  
A personal interview or an autobiography.  
Jane Goodall is my topic of interest,  
She's an anthropologist from London, England.  
Studied chimpanzees in the Tanzania forest,  
And an example of a primary source is  
A clip of her sharing her experience,  
Her memories in her own words, here it is.

"Growing up, I lived in England, and we did not have very much money at all. There was a war, and my father was away fighting in the army, and I loved books."

Primary sources can give the inside scoop,  
What it means to walk in someone else's shoes.  
We know what it was like for Jane,  
'Cause her interpretation comes from her brain.  
But someone else might have another point of view,  
And sometimes opinions are mixed with the truth.  
So listen, you got to know the difference  
Between impartial facts and personal opinion.

Sources, yes, my primary and secondary sources,  
Help me understand the things I didn't witness.  
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A secondary source is different,  
The person wasn't there, they weren't a witness  
To the events they are writing about,  
Could be a summary or an analysis, like how  
The encyclopedia wants you to know:  
Goodall went to Africa at 23 years old.  
She sailed to Kenya in 1957  
To study animals, it became her profession.  
She founded the Jane Goodall Institute  
And the youth program called Roots & Shoots.  
These are facts that paint a bigger picture,  
And secondary sources give you information quicker.  
'Cause somebody did the research already,  
And put in the time at a library.  
But don't miss this, even a secondary source  
Can contain the author's bias, of course.  
That's his or her interpretation of the research,  
Might be hiding out like an egg on Easter.  
If you want to do your research right,  
Include resources of both types.

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“So that one, if you listen carefully, you'll hear that it's a—we call it a ‘pantoot,’ because you know when a

dog is tired, thirsty, he goes ‘ah-uh ah-uh’? So it’s all one breath, it goes like this, listen: ‘ooh-ooh-ooh-ooh-ah-uh-ah-hu.’ And that means: This is me, this is Jane.”