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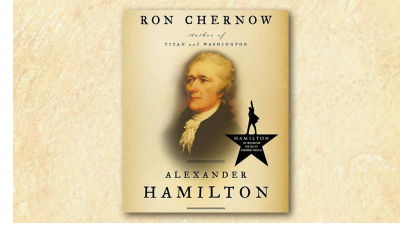
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Primary vs. Secondary Sources - Vocab Cards

biography]>

the history of a real person's life, written by another person.

My favorite _biography_ is "Alexander Hamilton" by Ron Chernow. The events of Hamilton's life are so interesting!



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memoir]>

a written account of one's personal life.

After a long and interesting life, she decided to write a _memoir_ about her experiences.

Synonyms: autobiography, account



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primary source]>

a source usually created at the time in question that provides firsthand evidence. Examples include newspaper articles, photographs, diary entries, interviews and financial records.

I needed to use a _primary source_ for my research paper about women in colonial America, so I used Abigail Adams's letters to her husband John to support my thesis.



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secondary source]>

a source that was not created at the time being studied, but instead uses sources that were created at that time as evidence to draw conclusions. Scholarly books and articles are examples.

I am using this book on the Civil Rights Movement as a _secondary source_ for my research paper. The author analyzes interviews from several activists to draw conclusions about the era.



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source]>

a person or thing that gives information.

Are you sure that statistic is true? What _source_ did you find it in?

Synonyms: reference



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witness]>

a person who is there to see something happen.

Carmen was a _witness_ to the car accident; she saw the whole thing happen while she was waiting for the bus.

Synonyms: onlooker, observer



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