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Primary vs. Secondary Sources

Today we're going to talk about primary and secondary sources...in just a minute.

What do you already know about primary and secondary sources?

When you want to learn more about a person, event, or time period, you might conduct research by looking for _____ of information. Most sources can be categorized as primary or secondary.

A _____ is original, first-hand information that was created by someone who actually _____ the event they are talking about. They are often made at the time the event occurred, but not always. _____, interviews, letters, emails, blog posts, Tweets, and photographs are all examples of primary sources.

A _____ gives information that someone has gathered and shaped through their own research, but not their personal experience. Secondary sources often give a summary or analysis of multiple primary sources. Examples of secondary sources include textbooks, encyclopedias, _____, and documentary films. They are created some time after the events they describe.

How do you think the information in a primary source differs from the information in a secondary source? And when would you use one or the other?