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Primary vs. Secondary Sources - Answer Key

Read each question and circle the correct answer.

1. Which of the following is NOT considered a primary source?

- A. A memoir
- B. A biography
- C. A letter
- D. A photograph

2. Which of the following is NOT considered a secondary source?

- A. An encyclopedia entry
- B. A textbook
- C. A magazine article
- D. An interview

3. A primary source is created by someone who { }.

- A. read about an event
- B. made up an event from their imagination
- C. was present at an event
- D. heard about an event from a witness

4. Which of these is a secondary source?

- A. *I Am Malala* by Malala Yousafzai
- B. *The Story of My Life* by Helen Keller
- C. *John Adams* by David McCullough
- D. *The Autobiography of Malcolm X* by Malcolm X

5. ***Read the following excerpt from *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass* by Frederick Douglass.** “I have observed this in my experience of slavery that whenever my condition was improved, instead of its increasing my contentment, it only increased my desire to be free, and set me to thinking of plans to gain my freedom. I have found that, to make a contented slave, it is necessary to make a thoughtless one. It is necessary to darken his moral and mental vision, and, as far as possible, to annihilate the power of reason. He must be able to detect no inconsistencies in slavery; he must be made to feel that slavery is right; and he can be brought to that only when he ceased to be a man.”*

Which kind of source does this passage represent?

- A. Primary
- B. Secondary