



## ANSWERS

### Primary Sources

A primary source is a text that was created during the time period which is being studied. It is an original source of information that conveys information about the topic from someone with firsthand experience with it.

Primary sources give us a firsthand insight into the past. This helps us to understand what happened, how people felt about what happened, and how events influenced people and other events of the time

they can be too close to a subject  
they can be time-consuming to analyze and interpret  
they are limited to a particular place and time and particular participants

Texts of laws  
Original documents  
Newspaper articles  
Text of a speech  
a diary  
a letter  
Original research  
Census  
Photographs of an event  
Video of an event

### Secondary Sources

A secondary source is a text that includes the creator's analysis or interpretation of the topic. They are one step removed from having actual experience of the topic.

Secondary sources help you to understand more about a person's life, an historical event, or how different people or events in history are related to each other

they may not correctly interpret or analyze the topic  
they may be biased  
they are not timely

a book about a topic  
an analysis of historical statistics  
an analysis of economic statistics  
scholarly research and articles  
a documentary about an event