

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.

The following are examples of primary sources:

- Texts of laws
- Original documents
- Newspaper articles by reporters who witnessed an event or who quote people who did
- Speeches, diaries, letters and interviews that show what the people involved said or wrote about the topic
- Original research
- Census and economic statistics
- Photographs or audio/video that captures an event

Imagine that a hundred years from now, someone is writing your biography. Name five primary sources of information about you that they might use for their research.

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