

Name \_\_\_\_\_ **Primary and Secondary Sources**

## The March on Washington (1963) Comparative Sources

### Answer Key

1. **The primary source's purpose** is to inspire and motivate listeners in the moment, calling them to action for justice and equality. **The secondary source's purpose** is to analyze and explain the historical impact of the march years later.
2. The **primary source tone** is passionate, emotional, and urgent, using vivid imagery and moral appeals. The **secondary source tone** is calm, reflective, and analytical, focusing on historical context and outcomes.
3. The secondary source provides **statistics, long-term consequences, and historical interpretation** that the primary source does not. It explains the broader significance beyond the immediate moment.
4. The primary source is more useful for understanding how participants felt because it conveys the **emotions, hopes, and energy** of the movement directly, in King's own words.
5. The secondary source is more useful for studying the broader significance because it places the march in the context of **civil rights legislation and long-term historical change**.