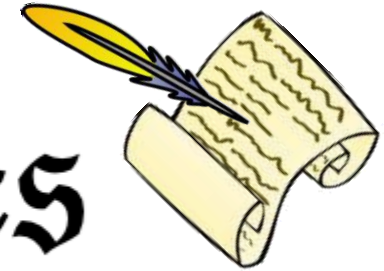


Primary Sources



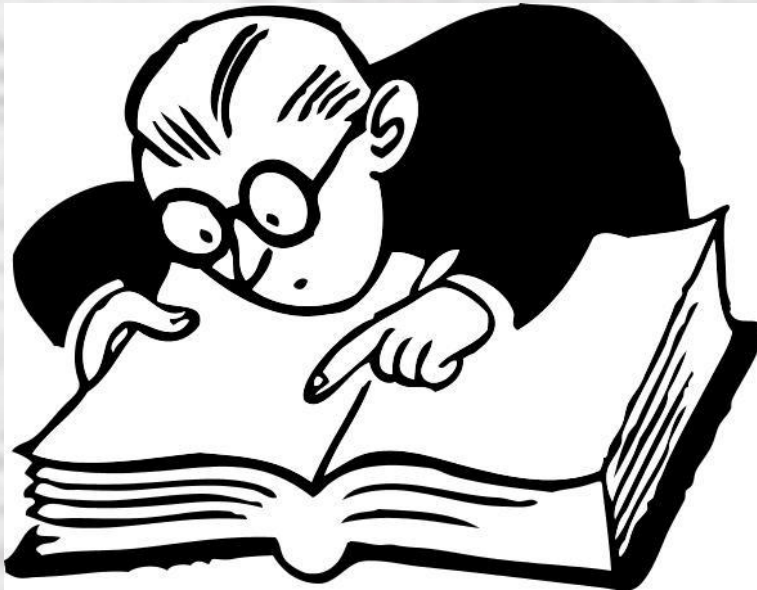
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Secondary Sources



**history from the
point-of-view of the
eyewitnesses
and the non-witnesses**

Reading Primary Sources



A primary source is an original source from the time period being studied.

Reading Primary Sources

EXAMPLES:

Diary Email Art from that time artifact Speech

Newspaper article from that time Quote Letter

Photo Memoir

Video Recording Protest Poster

Witness Interview Audio Recording

Primary Sources

Primary sources include:



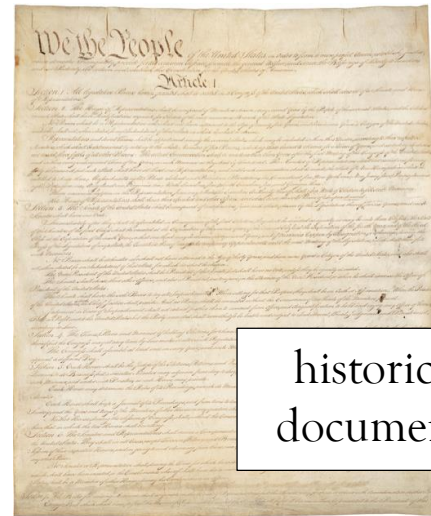
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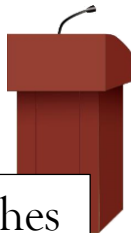


historical documents

also –



music



speeches

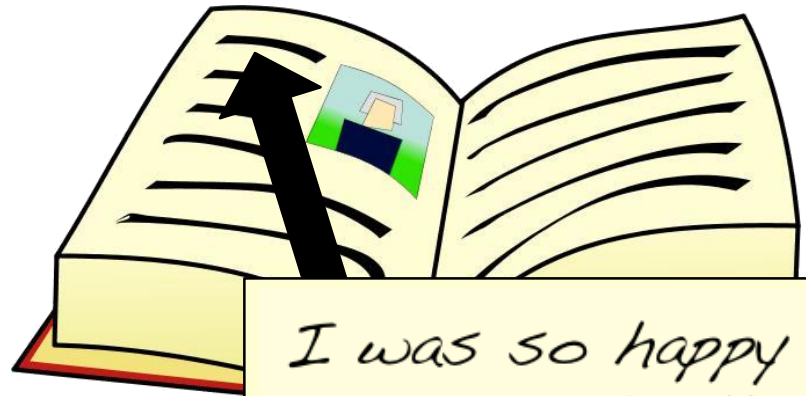


newspaper articles

Firsthand Account

A written or spoken primary source may be referred to as a **firsthand account**. A first-hand account of an event tells about the event from the point-of-view of someone who was present when the event occurred.

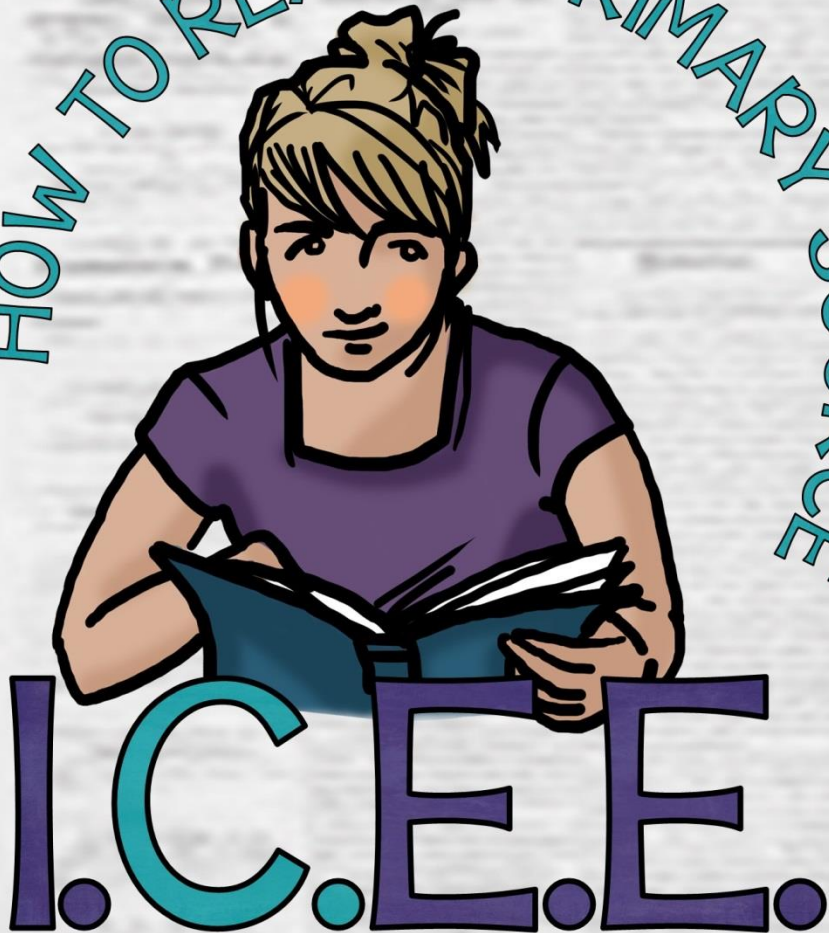
A Trip on Ye Olde Mayflower,
by Patience Goodbody



*I was so happy
when we finally
arrived. Our new
home held so
much promise!*

Reading Primary Sources

HOW TO READ A PRIMARY SOURCE



1. **I**dentify

2. **C**ontext

3. **E**xplore &
Evaluate

1. Identify

- **What type of source is it? (letter, diary, photo, etc.)**
- **WHO wrote/created it?**
- **WHEN was it written/created?**
- **WHERE was it written/created?**
- **What clues in the source help you?**

2. Context

- **What is the historical context of the source?**
- **In other words, what was happening during the time period the source was written or created?**

3. Explore & Evaluate

- Read or examine the source.
- What ideas are expressed?
- What was the purpose of the source?
- Who do you think was the intended audience of this source?
- When you read or examine it, how does it make you feel?
- What questions do you have?
- What biases or stereotypes can you identify?
- What does it tell you about the time period?
- What's missing?

Reading Secondary Sources



A secondary source is not an original source from the time period being studied.

[LOC: What are Primary and Secondary Sources?](#)

Reading Secondary Sources

EXAMPLES:

Summary

List of Battles

Biography

Encyclopedia

Paraphrased
quote

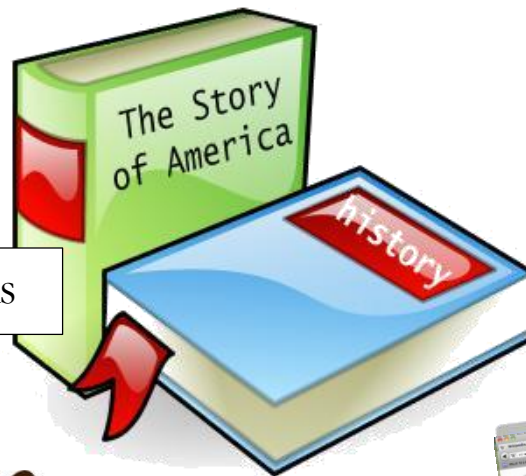
History Book

Textbook

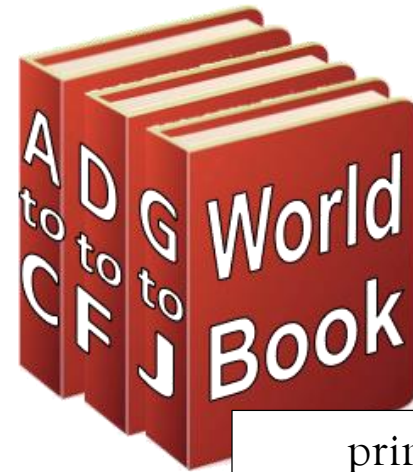
Reference Book

Secondary Sources

Secondary sources include:



textbooks



print encyclopedias



biographies

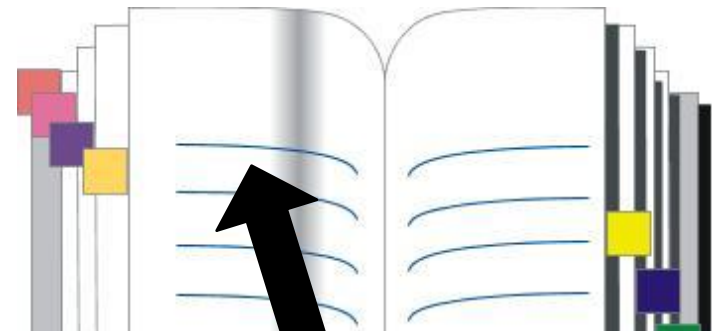


online encyclopedias

Secondhand Account

Some secondary sources may be referred to as **secondhand accounts**. A secondhand account describes a person, event, or moment in time from the point of view of someone who was not actually there. A secondhand account is typically based on a firsthand account.

Pilgrims and the New World,
by Dr. I. M. Bright



The Pilgrims were unprepared for the difficulties they would face in the New World.

Reading Secondary Sources



1. **S**can

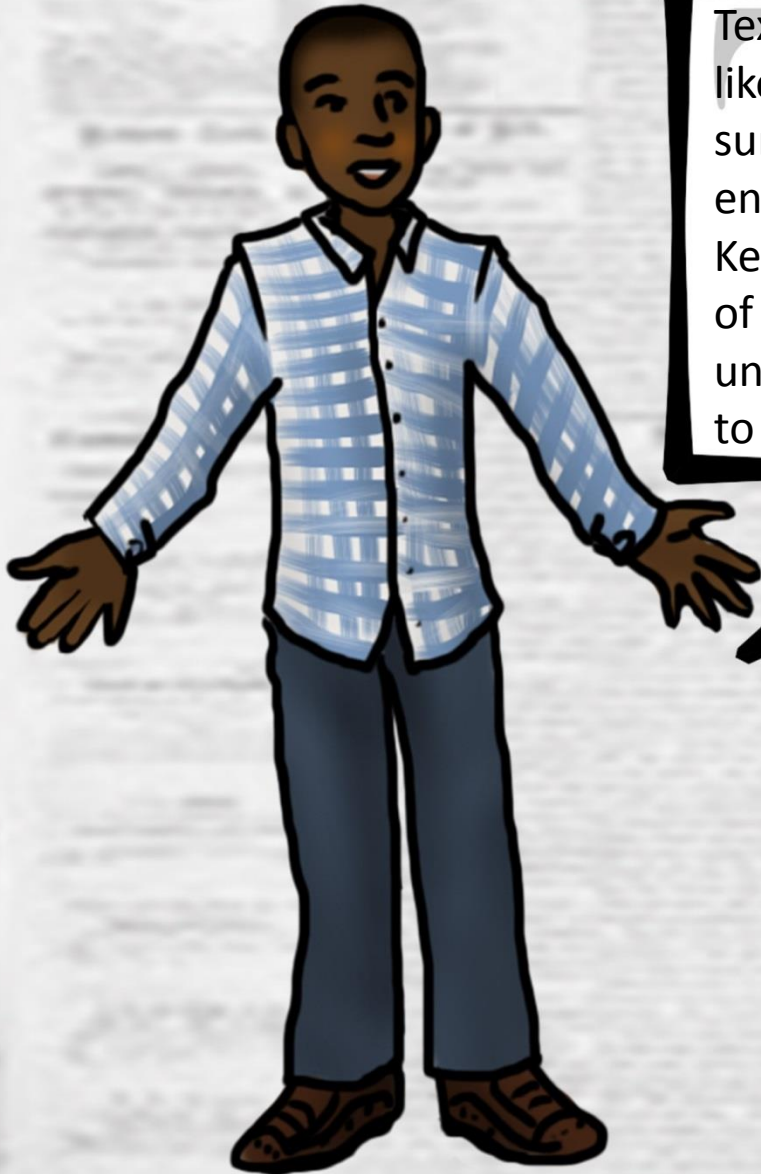
2. **A**ctively
Read

3. **R**eview

1. Scan

- **Look at the chapter title, the introduction, the heading and sub-headings, the bolded words, the pictures and their captions, read the review questions at the end of the sections and/or chapter and read the chapter summary.**

Reading Secondary Sources



Textbooks aren't novels and you shouldn't read them like one. Go ahead and read the section and chapter summaries in your textbook first. There's no surprise ending or revelation about who really killed John F. Kennedy. Reading the summaries and even the end of section or chapter questions helps you to understand the main ideas you need to pay attention to while actively reading.

2. Actively Read

- Read a paragraph or short section.
- Pick a phrase (or a set of key words) that summarizes what the paragraph was about.
- Turn the headings and sub-headings into questions that are answered in the section (Example: U.S. Goes to War → What caused the U.S. to go to war?).
- Repeat the process until you finish the section or chapter.

3. Review

- Write down or tell someone a summary of what you just read.
- Go back to the questions you wrote and see if you can answer them (if not, read that part again).



No need to
be confused!

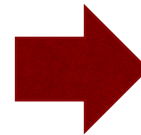
Primary Source

or

Secondary Source ?

Primary Sources

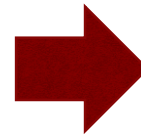
original records of a person's life,
an event, or moment in time



**FIRSTHAND
ACCOUNT**

Secondary Sources

tell about a person's life, an event,
or a moment in time from later on



**SECONDHAND
ACCOUNT**