Notes: Primary and Secondary Sources

What are primary sources?

- description or explanation of an event from someone who witnessed it firsthand (someone who was there)
  - Diaries
  - Photographs
  - Autobiography
  - Film footage
  - Objects from the time (artifacts)
  - Speeches
  - Documents
  - Quote from a witness
  - Letters

- Examples:
  - The U.S. Constitution
  - The Diary of Anne Frank
  - Photo of Sept. 11 attacks

What are secondary sources?

- An account of an event based on the writings or evidence of people other than the author. Accounts are written by people that have not observed the event.
  - Biographies
  - Textbooks
  - Encyclopedias
  - Drawing (not at time of event)
- Quote from an expert (not a witness)
- Website

- Examples:
  - History Textbook
  - Biography of Dr. Dre
  - Painting of the Titanic

- How can I tell if a secondary source is credible?
  - Gives credit to its original sources
  - Author or creator is an expert in his/her field
  - It comes from a website ending in .edu, .gov, or .org
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  - ______________
  - Photographs
  - ___________________________
  - Film footage
  - Objects from the time (_________________)
  - ______________
  - Documents
  - ___________________________
  - Letters

- Examples:
  - ___________________________
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  ___________________________ the event.
  - ______________
  - ___________________________
- Encyclopedias
  - ________________ (not at time of event)
- __________ from an ______________ (not a witness)
- Website

- Examples:
  - ________________
  - ________________
  - ________________

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