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Types of Sources

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When we study history, we rely on information passed along to us by others. One of the best ways to learn about history is by using different types of sources. A source is someone or something that gives us the information we need to help us learn. There are two types of sources we can use: primary sources or secondary sources.

Florida Next Generation Sunshine State Standards: SS.2.A.1.1: Examine primary and secondary sources. SS.2.A.1.2: Utilize the media center, technology or other informational sources to locate information that provides answers to questions about a historical topic. SS.2.C.2.4: Identify ways citizens can make a positive contribution in their community. SS.2.C.2.5: Evaluate the contributions of various African Americans, Hispanics, American Indians, veterans and women. SS.2.C.3.2: Recognize symbols, individuals, events and documents that represent the United States.

Types of Sources



Looking at pictures from the past is another way to learn about history. Pictures give us clues about when things happened. Look at the pictures. Would these pictures be an example of a primary or a secondary source? Do you know what these are pictures of?

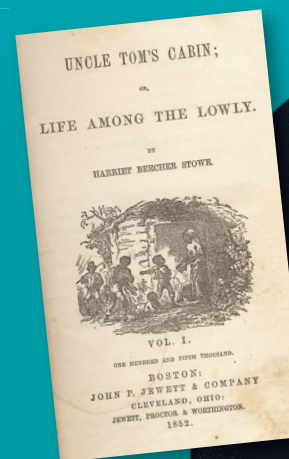
A primary source is an eyewitness account of an event in history. This means that the person telling the story was actually there to see it happen. Parents, grandparents and teachers can be a primary source.

Letters, photographs, maps and journals are also primary sources. You can find these in your library or media center. An art museum would be a great place to find primary source paintings. Can you think of other places that would have primary sources?

Another type of source we use is called a secondary source. Secondary sources take information from primary sources but then tell about the event in their own words. Some examples would be textbooks, magazine articles and internet sites. Secondary sources are important because they can give us information about historic events. This source can make connections between past, present and future events.



Harriet Beecher Stowe was born in 1811. She wrote more than 30 books in her lifetime. Her most famous book was *Uncle Tom's Cabin*. She moved to Mandarin, Florida for the winter and wrote about the beauty of the area. She spent over 15 winters there.



Name _____

Word Search

WORD BANK

- primary
- secondary
- internet
- source
- journal
- media

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Fill in the Blanks

You can write your answers on a different piece of paper.

1. One of the best ways to learn about history is by using different types of _____.
2. A journal is a _____ source.
3. We can make connections between the past, _____ and future.

WORD BANK

- sources
- present
- primary

You are doing a report on the life of Benjamin Franklin. What types of sources would you use? Where would be the best place to find these sources? Write a sentence and explain.
