

Primary Sources and Secondary Sources

Primary sources

- Provide firsthand information in the original words of the creator or eye witness.
- Include creative works. For example: poetry, drama, novels, music, art, films
- Include original documents. For example: interviews, diaries, speeches, letters, minutes, film footage
- Include reports of original research and ideas. For example: statistical data, case studies, conference papers, technical reports and research papers published in scholarly journals

Secondary sources

- Provide information reviewing, evaluating, analyzing or interpreting primary sources.
- Include criticism and interpretation of creative works
- Include interpretations of original documents. For example: biographies, historical analyses, textbooks and encyclopedia articles
- Include summaries and reviews of scholarly findings. For example: review articles, textbooks, encyclopedia articles and popular magazine articles



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