

# PRIMARY SOURCES

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### PRIMARY SOURCES

Primary sources are the raw information or the first-hand evidence you gather in research

Give us direct, first-hand information

Main object of analysis in a research study

Can be subjective and personal

Interview transcripts, survey results, official documents, works of art, photographs, video footage, and diary entries

### SECONDARY SOURCES

Secondary sources are sources that interpret or analyze the information from primary sources

Other peoples' interpretations of this information

Describe, interpret, generalize, or synthesize primary sources

Tends to be more objective

Journal articles, reference books, textbooks, encyclopedias, documentaries, and academic essays are some examples of secondary sources