

Worksheet for Identifying Primary and Secondary Sources

What is the definition of the term primary source?

What is the definition of the term secondary source?

Below is a list of sources of historical information. Circle the letter indicating whether the item is a "P" (primary) or "S" (secondary) source. If an item could be either primary or secondary, circle the "E" for either. Be prepared to explain your choices!

SOURCE: **(P) PRIMARY (S) SECONDARY (E) EITHER**

Business reports	P	S	E	A photograph	P	S	E
Newspaper reporter	P	S	E	A song	P	S	E
An elderly relative	P	S	E	A poem	P	S	E
A building	P	S	E	A cartoon	P	S	E
A letter	P	S	E	Court records	P	S	E
A diary	P	S	E	A museum docent	P	S	E
A census book	P	S	E	A cemetery headstone	P	S	E
A textbook	P	S	E	A phone book	P	S	E
A magazine article	P	S	E	A city directory	P	S	E
A video	P	S	E	A map	P	S	E