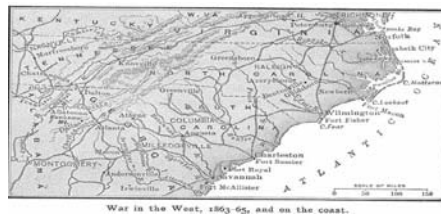


Primary vs. Secondary Source Documents



Primary Sources

- Maps
- First hand testimony: documented by witnesses who “were there” during the event, not after the fact
- Biographies, memoirs, autobiographies, oral histories, speeches
- Newspapers, magazines, etc. if written in “real time” not about something in the past
- Artifacts, jewelry, art, clothing, pottery, etc. from the time period
- Personal record: diary, email, photos, planners, letters, birth certificates, etc



Secondary Sources

- History books
- Textbooks
- Encyclopedias
- Magazine articles
- Book, article, etc. that reviews, informs or interprets information or data
- Anything produced after the fact; after the event took place



http://www.yale.edu/collections_collaborative/primarysources/primarysources.html

Yale University explanation

<http://www.princeton.edu/~refdesk/primary2.html>

Princeton explanation

<http://www.bachelorsdegreeonline.com/blog/2009/100-terrific-sites-to-find-primary-source-history-documents/>

Where to find primary sources

<http://www.libraries.iub.edu/index.php?pageId=1002226>

Great comparison chart of primary & secondary sources

<http://lib1.bmcc.cuny.edu/help/sources.html>

Specific Examples

<http://www.historyonthenet.com/Lessons/sources/sourcesexplain.htm>

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