Analyzing Primary Source Documents: It's Elementary Dear Watson

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Analyze this primary source document

By The End of the Session Today...

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- The mystery will be taken out of how to analyze primary source documents.
- You will learn how to use primary source documents in daily lessons.

Nevada Social Studies Standards

- Read texts by using reading strategies (prior knowledge, key vocabulary words, context clues, main ideas, supporting details, and text features: pictures, maps, text boxes).
- Read to identify cause and effect relationships, compare and contrast information, fact v. opinion, and author bias.

National Common Core Standards



- Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources.
- Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary of the source distinct from prior knowledge or opinions.
- Identify aspects of a text that reveal an author's point of view or purpose.
- Integrate visual information (e.g., in charts, graphs, photographs, videos, or maps) with other information in print and digital texts.
- Distinguish among fact, opinion, and reasoned judgment in a text.
- Analyze the relationship between a primary and secondary source on the same topic.



A simple photo can lead to a good discussion

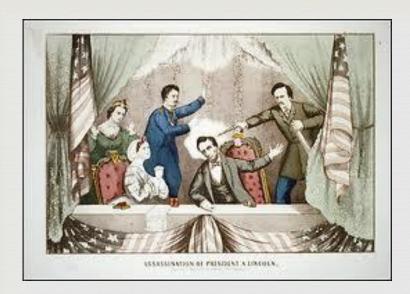
This is my great, great grandfather

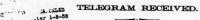
What is a Primary Source

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A primary source is any document that provides a firsthand account or is a witness of a given event.

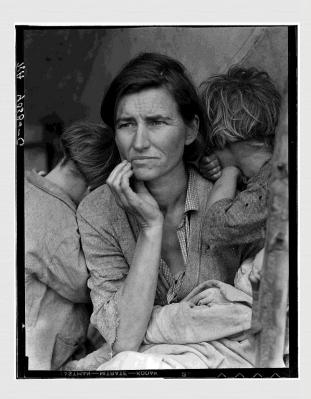
Letter, speech, photograph, political cartoon, artifacts, sound recording, map, painting, or poem.





FROM 2nd from London # 5747.

"We intend to begin on the first of February unrestricted submarine warfare. We shall endeavor in spite of this to keep the United States of america neutral. In the event of this not succeeding, we make Mexico a proposal of alliance on the following basis: make war together, make peace together, generous financial support and an understanding on our part that Mexico is to reconquer the lost territory in Texas, New Mexico, and arizona. The settlement in detail is left to you. You will inform the President of the above most . secretly as soon as the outbreak of war with the United States of America is certain and add the suggestion that he should, on his own initiative, Japan to immediate adherence and at the same time mediate between Japan and ourselves. Please call the President's attention to the fact that the ruthless employment of our submarines now offers the prospect of compelling England in a few months to make peace." Signed, ZIMMERMANN.



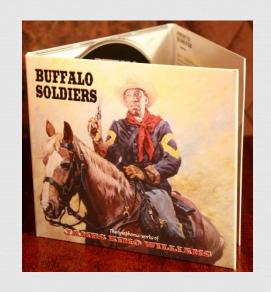


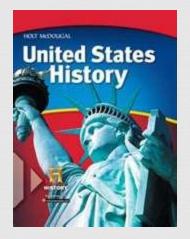
What is a Secondary Source

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A secondary source is a source that analyzes or interprets a primary source.

Map, painting, textbook, newspaper article, song, film, or teacher









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Author

RPlace & Time

Audience

Reason

CaThe Main Idea

XYeah: So What?

TACOS

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Action

Caption

@Objects

Summary



Primary Source Analysis: Manifest Destiny



- Think of a unit that you have coming up.
- How can you use primary and secondary sources in your unit?

Websites

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- ™ http://www.loc.gov

Drop Box Files

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Reconstruction Primary Sources	File Folder	1/17/2012 10:40 AM
Westward Expansion Primary	File Folder	1/18/2012 4:12 PM
MWI Primary Sources	File Folder	1/14/2012 12:04 PM
🕽 WWI Propaganda Posters	File Folder	1/18/2012 4:11 PM

Primary Source Analysis Graphic Organizers

