





Sorting Sources

Student Directions: **Read** the information on your card out loud to your classmates. Have a **discussion** with your classmates to determine if your card represents a **primary** or **secondary** source.

An excerpt from Benjamin Bowen's diary, written on September 3, 1854, states "...There is at present about 50 miners, two women, and five children." What type of source is Benjamin Bowen's diary?

In our classroom **textbooks** that we use to find out about people and events in history. When we are using **textbooks**, what kind of source are we using?

Our family just moved to a new house in Sacramento. We found this **doll** in the backyard. It looks pretty old. What type of source is this **doll**?

My great-grandmother likes to tell me **stories** about her life growing up in California during the Great Depression. When I listen to these **stories**, what type of source am I listening to?

My mom let me use her phone to take a **selfie** of me and my friends on our hike. What kind type of source is my **selfie**?

When we visit our relatives during the holidays, they like to show me **movies** of my parents when they were little. What type of source are we looking at?

We are writing reports on local heroes in our second-grade class. I checked out a **book** on Royal Towns, an Oakland firefighter, written by his friend for my report. What type of source is this **book**?

I like to buy magazines at the grocery store that have **articles** about actors who play famous people in history. When I read these **articles**, what type of source am I reading?

I love learning about trains. I found this **photo** of the event where the East and West railroads were brought together in 1869, taken on the actual day. What kind type of source is this **photo**?

Exit Ticket

A primary source is _____
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An example of a primary sources is _____
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A secondary source is _____
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