



# Primary vs. Secondary Sources

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## Secondary Sources

1. <b>Autobiography</b>	Biography
2. <b>Painting, sculpture, pottery (art object)</b>	Article reviewing or criticizing the art
3. <b>Personal diary or letters</b>	Book about the person or event
4. <b>Treaty (government document)</b>	Essay interpreting the document
5. <b>Poem, novel, short story, etc.</b>	Literary criticism of the work
6. <b>Firsthand observer accounts of event</b>	Report on event years later
7. <b>Play, film, television show, performance</b>	Biography of the writer
8. <b>Speech given by a person</b>	Commentary on the speech
9. <b>Research report by researchers</b>	Interpretation of the research
10. <b>Photographs</b>	Explanation of photographs
11. <b>Recorded interview</b>	Summary of what was said
12. <b>Coins, stamps, bottles</b>	Guides to current prices
13. <b>Census statistics</b>	Book about population changes
14. <b>Experiment</b>	Journal article describing findings
15. <b>Minutes of a meeting</b>	Memo describing action taken