

Primary and Secondary Sources

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<p>What is History?</p>	<p>History is the study of the past. The goal of history is to understand how the past has made the present.</p>
<p>How do historians know about the past?</p>	<p>Primary Sources are the original or first source. This includes: Diaries, Photographs, Autobiographies, eyewitness accounts, and artifacts.</p> <p>Secondary Sources are sources that get their information from the primary source.</p> <p>Examples: Encyclopedias, Wikipedia, Biographies, book reports, summaries.</p>
<p>Interpretation</p>	<p>Historians sometimes have to be detectives and interpret information they find. For example, if they find ancient human remains in Minnesota with a seashell from Florida, they could interpret that these ancient Minnesotans had a trade network.</p>