



ANSWER KEY

Using Primary & Secondary Sources (Video)

Check your knowledge about this topic by answering these questions.

1. When you use firsthand accounts -- like diaries, letters, speeches, or interviews -- you are using _____.

13 points

- Primary sources
- Secondary sources
- Internet sources
- Accurate sources

2. An actual item like a Native American willow basket, an artist's painting, or a newspaper article written when something happened can be considered a primary source. True or false?

11 points

- True
- False

3. When you use an expert's summary, analysis, discussion, or review of data or accounts of what happened, you are using _____.

13 points

- Primary sources
- Secondary sources
- Internet sources
- Accurate sources

4. Which of these are primary sources?

Mark all that are correct.

13 points

- Diary of a Revolutionary War soldier
- Movie that describes the Revolutionary War
- Recent magazine article that shares new information found about the Revolutionary War
- Newspaper article written about the Revolutionary War in 1775

5. Which of these are secondary sources?

Mark all that are correct.

13 points

- Vincent van Gogh's painting, Starry Night
- Book about Vincent van Gogh's painting style
- Letter written by Vincent van Gogh
- Biography about Vincent van Gogh

6. There are many reasons to use secondary sources. Which of these statements about using secondary sources is NOT correct?

13 points

- Use secondary sources to gather background information on a topic.
- Use secondary sources to see what others who studied a topic have learned about it.
- Use secondary sources to double check the accuracy of sources you used in your research paper.
- Use secondary sources to read an expert's analysis or interpretation of a work.

7. There are many reasons to use primary sources. Which of these statements about primary sources is NOT correct?

13 points

- Use primary sources to examine something firsthand.
- Use primary sources to analyze data for yourself.
- Use primary sources to personally reflect on a work of art.
- Use primary sources to read a review of an author's work.

8. Good researchers do NOT use primary sources together with secondary sources in their research. True or false?

11 points

- True
- False