

Identifying Primary and Secondary Sources

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In the blanks below, identify each of the following examples as either a primary source (P) or a secondary source (S).

- _____1. a tape recording of a speech given by the mayor
- _____2. a newspaper story about the mayor's speech written by a reporter who heard about the speech from someone else
- _____3. your mother's first grade report card
- _____4. your first grade report card
- _____5. a copy of the Declaration of Independence in your school textbook
- _____6. a magazine story about the Declaration of Independence
- _____7. a new book about the life of President Lincoln
- _____8. a photograph from a Chicago Bulls basketball game
- _____9. a newspaper story about the Chicago Bulls basketball game
- _____10. a picture of the first settlers in Urbana

List another example of a primary source.

List another example of a secondary source.