

Evaluating Primary Sources

Name: _____

A primary source is a source that was constructed during the actual time of the event you are studying. Primary sources take many forms; some are listed below. Each type of primary source has its advantages and disadvantages as a source for historical study. Brainstorm the possible advantages and disadvantages of using each of the primary sources listed below.

Primary Source Type	Advantages (What information/insights can this provide?)	Disadvantages (What information is missing?)
<i>Letter</i>		
<i>Diary entry</i>		
<i>Newspaper clipping</i>		

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<i>Interview</i>		
<i>Speech</i>		
<i>Pamphlet</i>		

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<i>Photograph</i>		
<i>Art (drawing/painting)</i>		
<i>Artifact/Object</i>		