

# Understanding Primary Sources

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## Learning from the Past

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Answer the following questions about primary sources.

1. A primary source is a special object from the \_\_\_\_ that helps us learn about history.

2. Which of the following is an example of a primary source?

- A. A textbook
- B. A photograph
- C. A movie

3. Primary sources help us understand how people lived in the past.

- True       False

4. Why are primary sources important?

5. What might a primary source tell us about people's lives?

- A. Nothing
- B. How they worked and played
- C. Only about their food

6. Examples of primary sources include photographs, letters, \_\_\_\_, and clothing.

7. Primary sources are like time machines.

- True       False

8. Can you name one type of primary source?

9. How are primary sources like detective clues?

- A. They tell us everything
- B. They help us solve mysteries about the past
- C. They are not useful

10. Old things are not important for learning about history.

- True       False

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### Answer Key

1. past    2. A photograph    3. True    4. They give us direct evidence about the past.    5. How they worked and played    6. tools    7. True    8. A letter.    9. They help us solve mysteries about the past    10. False