

# Understanding Firsthand and Secondhand Accounts

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Review of Lesson on Narrative Perspectives

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Answer the questions below based on what you've learned about firsthand and secondhand accounts.

1. What is a firsthand account?

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2. How is a secondhand account different from a firsthand account?

- A. It is written by the person who experienced the event
- B. It is retold by someone who heard about the event
- C. It contains more details than the firsthand account

3. Eyewitness testimony is often less detailed and accurate than secondhand accounts.

True       False

4. Firsthand accounts provide direct information from an \_\_\_\_ who experienced the event.

5. Why is it important to know the source of a story?

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6. What makes the Gospels unique in their storytelling?

- A. They are all secondhand accounts
- B. They are based on firsthand accounts and eyewitness testimony
- C. They are fictional stories

7. A secondhand account can sometimes be just as reliable as a firsthand account.

True       False

8. Luke wrote his Gospel by carefully investigating firsthand accounts to create an \_\_\_\_ record.

9. Why might a firsthand account be considered more trustworthy?

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10. According to Proverbs 18:17, what happens when another person examines a case?

- A. The first person is always right
- B. The truth may come out
- C. The second person is never believed

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## Answer Key

1. A firsthand account is a story told by someone who actually experienced the event. 2. It is retold by someone who heard about the event 3. False 4. eyewitness 5. Knowing the source helps us understand if the story is trustworthy and accurate. 6. They are based on firsthand accounts and eyewitness testimony 7. True 8. accurate 9. A firsthand account is more trustworthy because it comes directly from someone who witnessed the event. 10. The truth may come out