Primary and Secondary Sources

Primary Sources-

Give three examples of primary sources:

a.  

b.  

c.  

Secondary Sources-

Give three examples of secondary sources:

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b.  

c.  

Assessment Questions- For each of the following mark “P” if the source is primary or “S” if the source is secondary

1. _____ A diary titled “Life in the Mines” from a miner named Lucky Noah who lived in Idaho in the 1870’s

2. _____ A magazine article from 2011 titled “Mining in the Old West in the 1860’s to the 1890’s”

3. _____ A chapter in your world history textbook about the Ancient Greeks.

4. _____ An original photograph from the 1941 attack at Pearl Harbor that you found in your grandparents’ photo album

5. _____ An original World War I uniform worn by your great grandfather

6. _____ An encyclopedia entry on the Vietnam War

7. _____ The diary of Anne Frank (a young girl who lived in hiding during the Holocaust)

8. _____ Sheet music that was used to play military tunes during the Revolutionary War

9. _____ A web site that summarizes Ancient Roman mythology

10. _____ A map of China created during ancient times.
11. An ancient tablet of Babylonian King Hammurabi’s Code of Laws
12. Pictures taken by your Aunt Sally of the World Trade Center attack
13. A newspaper article outlining the effect of the Wars in Iraq and Afghanistan
14. A manuscript of Barack Obama’s first speech as President.
15. An ancient Egyptian mummy you saw at a museum.

**Creative Writing** - Pick an interesting story that happened to you this summer. Write a primary account (you were there when it happened) of that event. Then, find out a story from a friend or family member of something that did not happen to you. Write a secondary account (you were not there when it happened) about that event. You may write in the space provided or write your stories on a separate sheet of paper.

**Primary account (5 sentence minimum):**
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**Secondary Account (5 sentence minimum):**
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Primary and Secondary Sources-Answer Key

**Primary Sources**—Anything that was written, used, or owned by the people who actually lived during a specific time period and actually made history.

Give three examples of primary sources:

a. Original uniforms worn at a time in history
b. Diaries written at the time of the event
c. Film footage of a historic event

**Secondary Sources**—Something written, used, owned AFTER a time in history that reflects, analyzes, or interprets an event in history.

Give three examples of secondary sources:

a. Textbooks
b. Encyclopedias
c. Newspapers

**Assessment Questions**—For each of the following mark “P” if the source is primary (P) or (S) if the source is secondary

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Secondary Account (5 sentence minimum):

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