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Primary Sources: materials that were created at the time the event occurred or materials created by those who experienced the event. These materials include letters, speeches, diary entries, newspaper articles from the time period, interviews with people who were around when the event occurred, documents, photographs, and artifacts such as tools, weapons, and clothing from the time period.

Test Your Knowledge! Are these primary or secondary sources? Circle the correct answer.

1. A biography of Theodore Roosevelt written in 2001.
 - a. Primary
 - b. Secondary
2. Photographs of Civil War soldiers in their camp.
 - a. Primary
 - b. Secondary
3. Letters written by Abraham Lincoln.
 - a. Primary
 - b. Secondary
4. A documentary on PBS about World War II.
 - a. Primary
 - b. Secondary
5. A newspaper article from 1912 about the sinking of the Titanic.
 - a. Primary
 - b. Secondary
6. A speech given by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
 - a. Primary
 - b. Secondary
7. A magazine article about the War of 1812.
 - a. Primary
 - b. Secondary
8. Benjamin Franklin's autobiography
 - a. Primary
 - b. Secondary