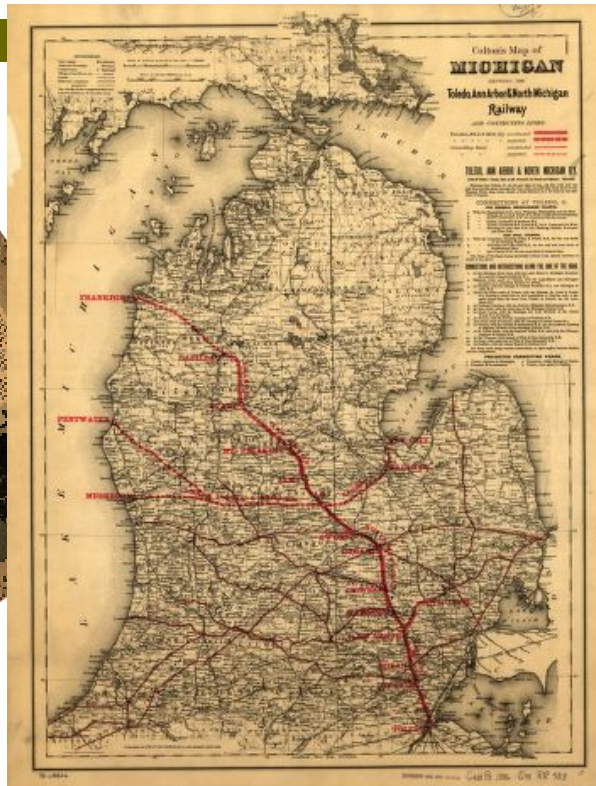
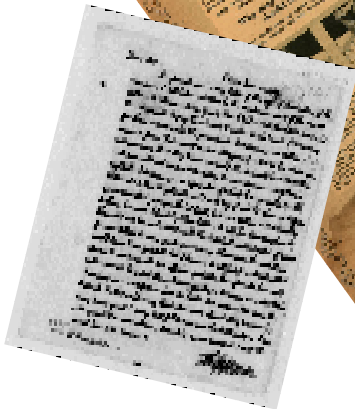


Primary and Secondary Sources



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What Are Primary Sources?

The actual accounts of events or the original documents

- Diaries
- Letters
- Journals
- Speeches
- Interviews
- Photographs
- Audio and Video Recordings
- Original literary or theatrical works
- Original advertisements
- Magazine and Newspaper Articles (as long as they are written soon after the fact and not as historical accounts)

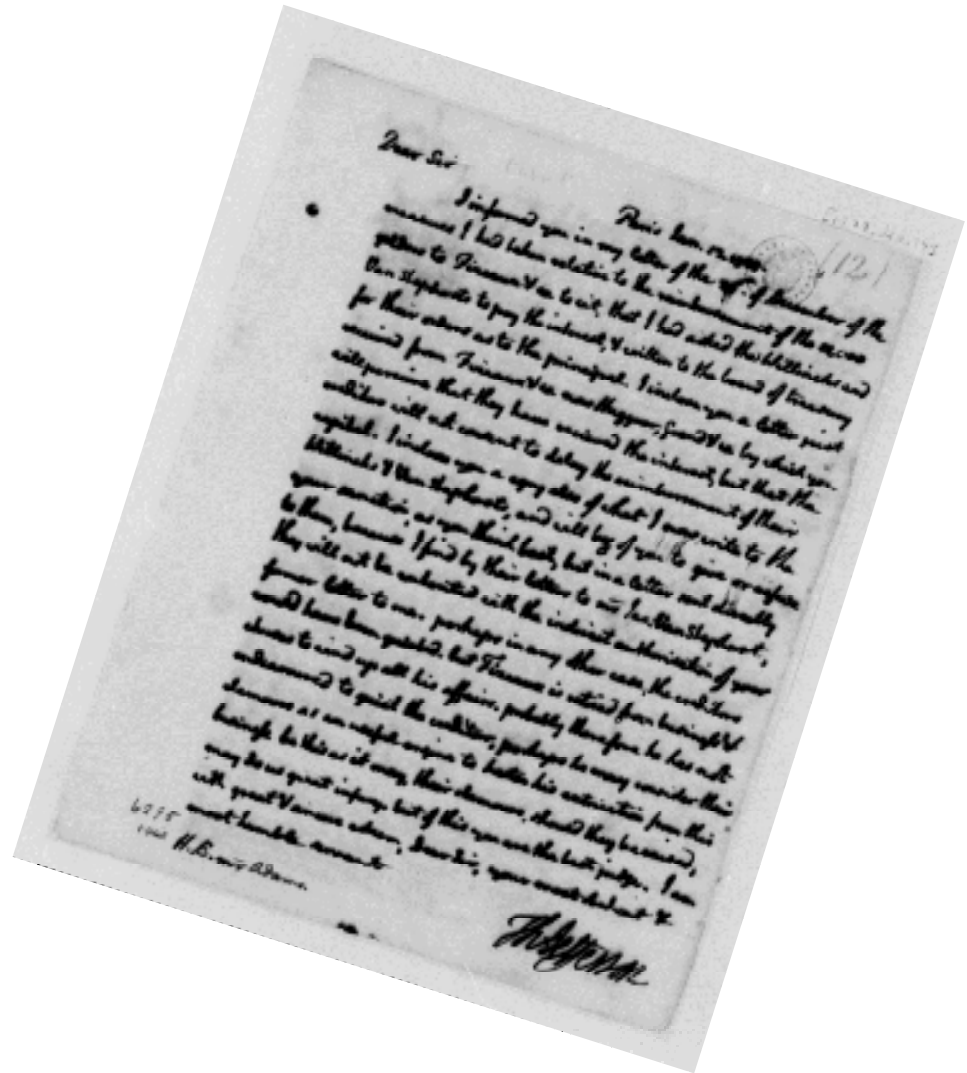
Examples of Primary Sources



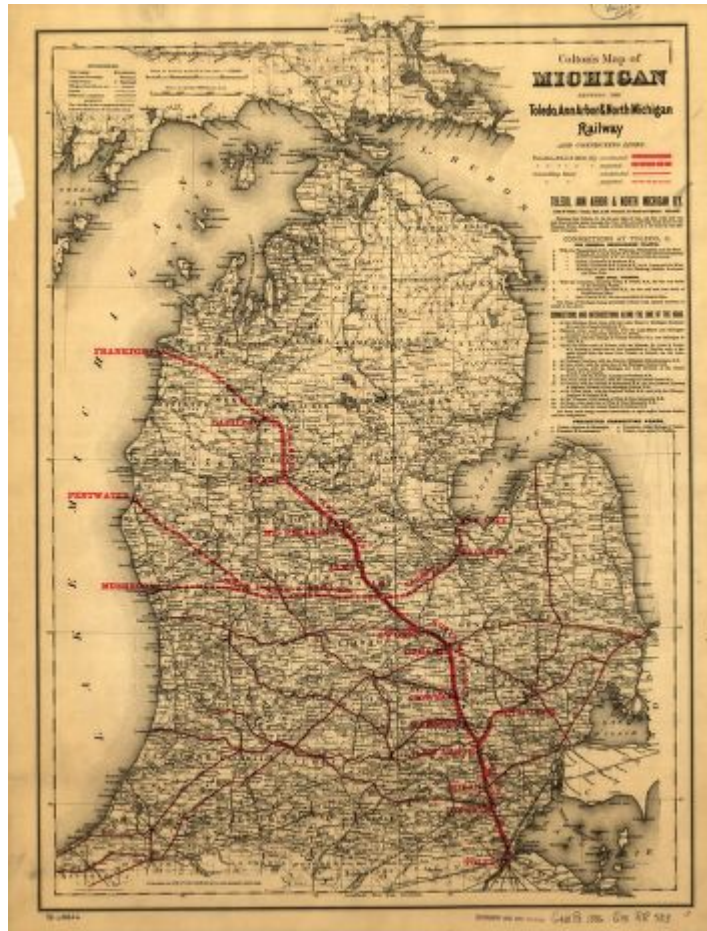
This is an original advertisement for Lux Soap.

Examples of Primary Sources

This is an original letter written by Thomas Jefferson to John Adams in 1788.



Examples of Primary Sources



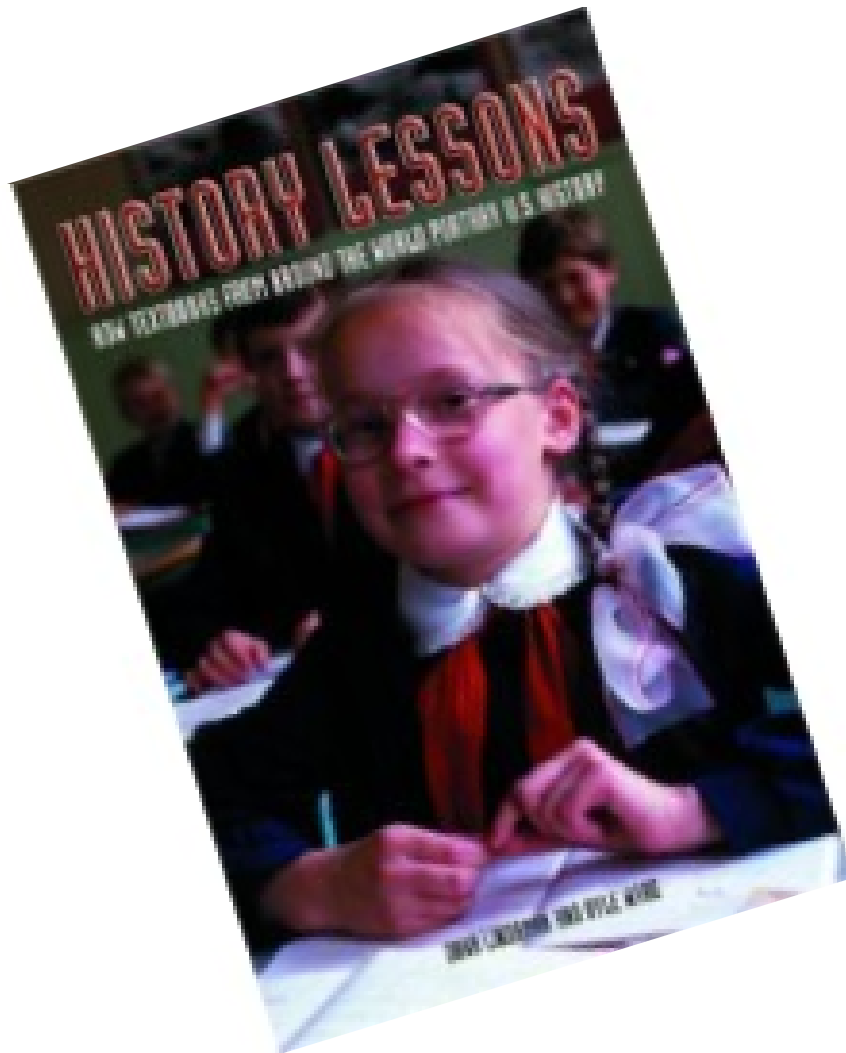
Map of Michigan showing the Toledo, Ann Arbor, & North Michigan Railway and connecting lines.

What Are Secondary Sources?

They interpret the primary sources.

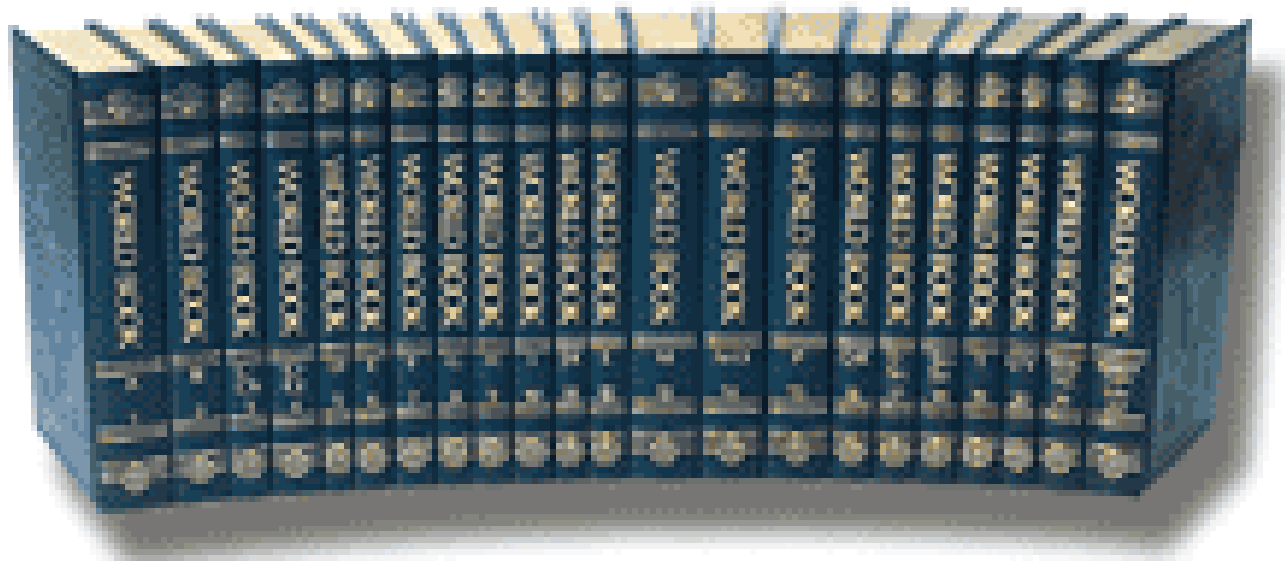
- Text Books
- Encyclopedias
- Dictionaries
- Books that interpret history
- Articles that interpret history

Examples of Secondary Sources



A text book is a secondary source written about the primary sources.

Examples of Secondary Sources



World Book Encyclopedias are secondary sources of information.

Think About It

Why do you think historians use both primary and secondary sources?

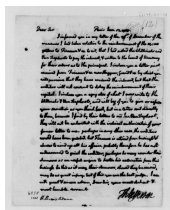
How do you think primary sources can be used?

Resources



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American Memory Collection
Lever Bros. Advertisement for Lux Laundry Flakes
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Library of Congress
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The Thomas Jefferson Papers Series 1. General Correspondence. 1651-1827
Thomas Jefferson to John Adams, January 13, 1788, Included Copy of Thomas Jefferson Letter to Hogguer, Grand, & Company, same date



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Grade Level Content Expectation

- 3-H3.02 Explain how historians use primary and secondary resources to answer questions about the past.