

EXAMPLES OF PRIMARY SOURCES BY DISCIPLINE

Discipline	Primary Source examples	Secondary Source examples
Fine and Performing Arts	Sculptures, architectural models, drawings, buildings, letters, motion pictures or films, organizational records, paintings, personal accounts, photographs, prints, sketch books, lyrics, scores, sound recordings, music, scripts, production notes, etc.	Evaluations in journal articles, critical reviews, biographies, and critical books about the authors and their works, etc.
History/Political Science	Speeches, writings, diaries, government reports, letters, official records of legislative groups, interviews, election data, public opinion polls/surveys, treaties or international agreements, oral histories, personal accounts, news reports, artifacts, maps, organizational records, photographs, works of art, etc.	Newspaper reports, news magazines, political journals and newsletters, journal articles, history books, dictionaries, encyclopedias, textbooks, journal articles, biographies, commentaries on a speech, analyses of election data, etc.
Literature	Novels, poems, plays, short stories, letters, diaries, manuscripts, autobiographies, interviews, personal accounts, etc.	Journal articles, reviews, biographies, critical books about writers and their works.
Management	Market research and testing, technical studies, drawings, designs, models, memos and letters, company statistics, consumer surveys, annual reports, etc.	Newspaper articles, business magazines, journals, government documents, and books, etc.
Sciences	Tools and methods, experiments and findings, observations, discoveries, field notes, specimens, research reports, maps, geological surveys, patents, schematic drawings, technical reports, models, etc.	Interpretations of experiments, data, tests, found in journals and books.
Social Sciences	Psychological tests, studies, clinical case reports, findings from surveys and questionnaires, reports, interviews, organizational records, statistical data, field notes, photographs, etc.	Commentary and evaluations in reports, documents, journal articles, and books.