

# Researching

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National History Day projects

Researchers use . . .

Primary Sources  
and  
Secondary Sources

How do you tell? . . . Ask "Says who?"





# Primary Sources

- Participants
- Witnesses
- Contemporaries

Who create:

- Documents
- Photos
- Videos
- Sound recordings
- And anything else from their experiences

Here are some examples:

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# Participants





# Witnesses who see

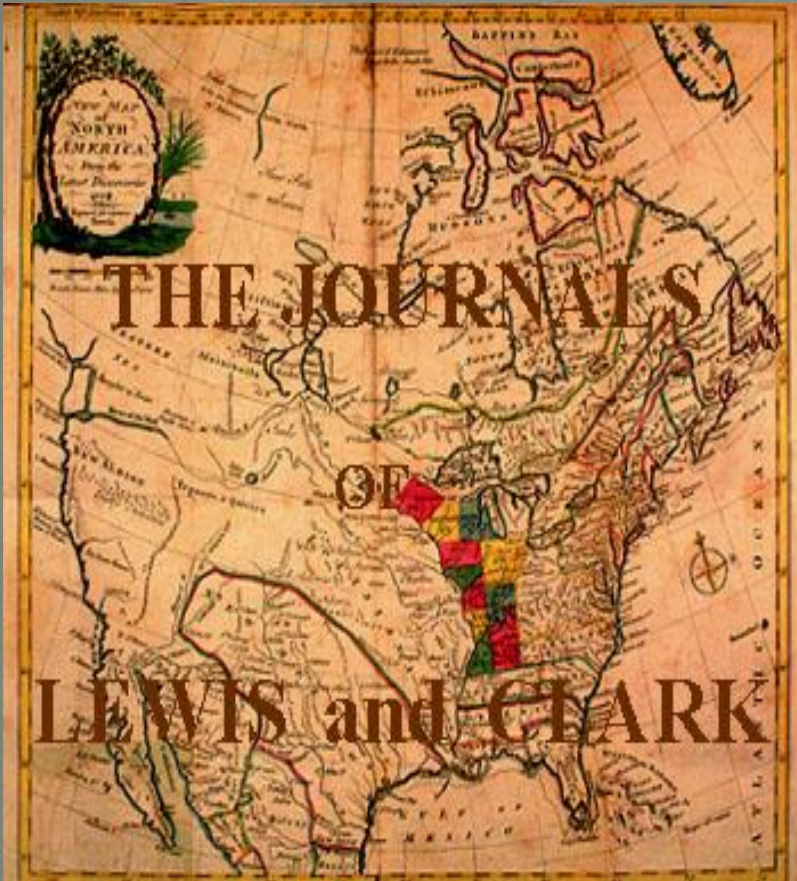



# Witnesses who see & document





# Journals



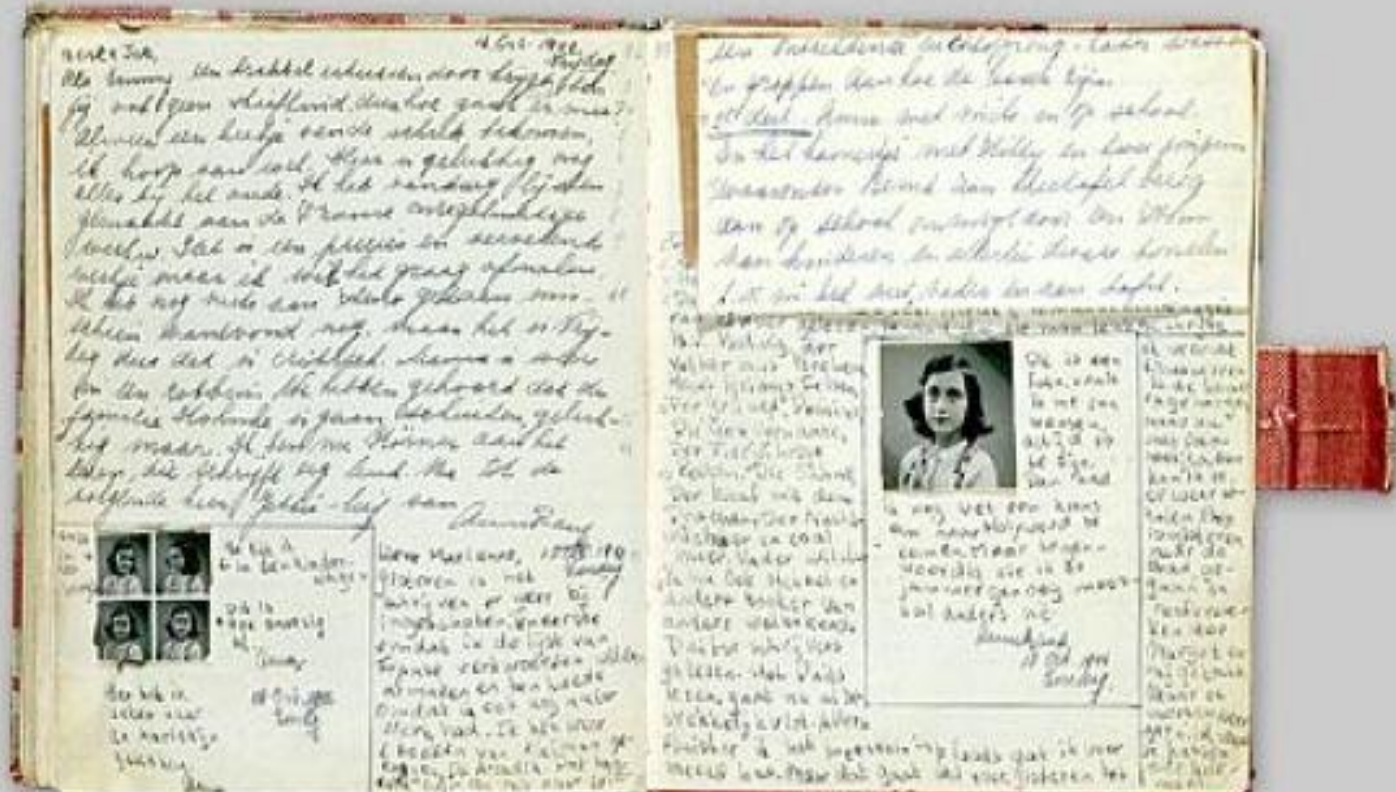
apparently pointed consisting of 6 par and terminating in  
one (in this form.) scilla  
serrate, or like  the teeth  
of a whip saw, each point term-  
inating in a small subulate spine, being from 25 to 47 in number,  
veins smooth, plane and of a deep green, their points  
tending obliquely towards the extremity of the rib or  
common footstalk. I do not know the fruit or flower  
of either. The 1<sup>st</sup> resembles a plant common to many  
parts of the United States called the Mountain  
Holly.

Tuesday February 13<sup>th</sup> 1806.

The Clatsop left us this morning at 11. & le. not



# Diaries



# Correspondence



Bacon Creek Jan 6. 62  
Dear parents Sisters &  
Brothers I now take  
my pen in hand  
to answer yours of the 20<sup>th</sup> which I  
received yesterday but should have got  
it 1 day sooner but it got mislaid  
and went to company E instead of  
I the letter not being distinctly  
written and I don't know as I should  
have got it at all but Wallace  
Chapman is one of the Sergeants  
in that company and knew  
what do I belong I came across  
him at Indianapolis as we came  
down here he knew me and asked  
me if I was not from Chapman,  
he says that his father traded all  
his property of down there  
and got chucked out of it he is  
Searns now and Henry is  
there in a printing office.



# Speeches

Address delivered at the dedication of the  
Cemetery at Gettysburg.

Four years and seven years ago our fathers  
brought forth on this continent, a new doc-  
trine, concerning Liberty, and consecrated  
to the proposition that all men are cre-  
ated equal.

Now we are engaged in a great civil war,  
testing whether that nation, or any nation  
so conceived and so dedicated, can long  
endure. We are met on a great battle-field  
of that war. We have come to dedicate a  
portion of that field as a final resting  
place for those who here gave their lives  
that that nation might live. It is alto-  
gether fitting and proper that we should  
do this.

But, in a larger sense, we can not dedi-  
cate—we can not consecrate—we can not  
hallow this ground. The brave men, liv-  
ing and dead, who struggled here, have con-  
secrated it, far above our poor power to

or detract. The world will little note, nor  
long remember what we say here, but it can  
never forget what they did here. It is for  
the living, rather, to be dedicated here to  
the unfinished work which they who  
glor here have thus far so nobly advanced.  
It is rather for us to be here dedicated to  
the great task remaining before us—that  
from these honored dead we take increased  
devotion to that cause for which they gave  
the last full measure of devotion—that  
we here highly resolve that these dead shall  
not have died in vain—that this nation,  
under God, shall have a new birth of free-  
dom—and that the government of the people,  
by the people, for the people, shall not per-  
ish from the earth.

Abraham Lincoln

November 19, 1863.



# Newspaper Articles (1964)

**REDS SAY GUARD 'MURDERED'**

## 57 East Germans Escape Through Tunnel

By GEORGE BOULTWOOD

BERLIN (AP) — Fifty-seven East Germans escaped to West Berlin this weekend through a long tunnel dug under the Red wall, the West Berlin government reported today. East Germany said one of its border guards was shot dead during the escape and called it murder.

It was believed to be one of the biggest mass escapes since the Red wall was erected in the summer of 1961.

All the refugees, 23 men, 31 women and 3 children, came through unhurt. Red guards found the tunnel just after the escape and fired submachine guns into the passageway.

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The East German Defense Ministry said the border guard was killed "by aimed shots from armed bandits" who had

penetrated into East German territory through the tunnel.

It seemed possible that the guard was in the tunnel and fell under the fire of his comrades.

Informed sources said this was believed to be the third successful tunnel exploit recently. West Berlin authorities try to keep escape methods secret.

The latest tunnel was under Bernauerstrasse on the French sector border. When it was learned Red guards had found the tunnel the city government announced the escape.

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Since last Saturday the refugees had crept through the tunnel in small groups.

The city government said just before the operation was to end four East German soldiers and three civilians drove up to the eastern end of the tunnel. A few seconds later west police heard several blasts from sub-

machine guns.

That was 12:30 this morning. Within 15 minutes the east end of the tunnel was surrounded by East German troops.

Tunnel escapes have become less frequent in recent months after East Germans discovered several of them before they could be used and arrested West Germans who were digging them.

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The largest previous tunnel escape from East Berlin was in September 1962 when 29 persons got through.

Prior to the weekend's mass escape, conservative estimates had set the number of tunnel escapees at between 300 and 400.

Except for the entrance and a few yards in East Berlin, the tunnel was the same used last Jan. 6 by three East German girls. Other refugees were to

have used that tunnel but it was discovered by a worker in an East Berlin coal yard where it ended.

Communist guards blew up the eastern end of the tunnel to make it unusable but tunnelers dug another entrance.

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To prevent tunneling, the Red regime proclaimed a prohibited zone 300 feet wide on the Communist side of the wall. Only persons with special passes can enter this zone.

The tunnel started in the cellar of a former baker, passed beneath the street still in West Berlin and then beneath the prohibited area. This means that the tunnel must have been from 450 to 600 feet long.

The refugees presumably were taken to a West Berlin refugee camp. Authorities would not allow reporters to talk to them.



# Magazine Articles (1982)



The first American troops coming ashore in Beirut while the U.S. fleet waits near by

## World

MIDDLE EAST

### The Marines Have Landed

*And the situation is well in hand as the P.L.O.'s exodus proceeds apace*

**T**he ships were just offshore, riding at anchor, gray silhouettes of power in a classic setting of blue sky, bright sunshine and white clouds. At daybreak on Wednesday morning last week, precisely on time, 800 U.S. Marines landed at Beirut Port. Their mission: to assist, with 800 French and 500 Italian troops, in the task of evacuating 7,000 Palestine Liberation Organization guerrillas from the Lebanese capital. After the Marines landed, they soon had the situation well in hand. Said White House Spokesman Larry Speakes the next morning: "Everything is going according to plan."

Speakes was referring not only to the arrival of the American forces but to the whole elaborate process of removing the P.L.O. fighters from Beirut. By Saturday at least 6,000 of the Palestinians had been evacuated by sea or land to other Arab countries, and the

rest of them were expected to leave by the end of this week.

The Lebanese crisis was by no means over. The country still contained an estimated 60,000 Israeli soldiers and perhaps half as many Syrian troops, and the two armies might yet wage a full-scale war with each other on Lebanese soil. Last week, in fact, sporadic fighting broke out between the Syrians and both the Israelis and the Christian Phalange forces, which

are closely aligned with the Israelis. The Lebanese Parliament had elected a new national president, the leader of the Christian Phalangist forces, Bashir Gemayel, who was despised by many Lebanese Muslims as an "Israeli stooge." But the Israeli siege of West Beirut was over, and the domination of Lebanon by the P.L.O. was at an end.

The Marines who disembarked in Beirut quickly took over the port area from the French units that had

been there since the previous Saturday. First ashore was the flag-bearer, Lance Corporal James Dunaway, of Hattiesburg, Miss., followed by 200 men of Company E of the 32nd Marine Amphibious Unit. A Marine emblem pinned to his shirt, U.S. Special Envoy Philip Habib, who had negotiated the agreement between Israel and the P.L.O. that led to the Palestinians' withdrawal, stepped forward to greet Ma-

Habib, left, talking with Colonel Mead, commander of the policing unit





# Government Documents

PUBLIC LAW 89-170

S. 1564

## Eighty-ninth Congress of the United States of America AT THE FIRST SESSION

Began and held at the City of Washington on Monday, the fourth day of January,  
one thousand nine hundred and sixty-five

### An Act

To enforce the fifteenth amendment to the Constitution of the United States,  
and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the  
United States of America in Congress assembled, That this Act shall  
be known as the "Voting Rights Act of 1965".

Sec. 1. No voting qualification or prerequisite to voting, or standard,  
practice, or procedure shall be imposed or applied by any State or  
political subdivision to deny or abridge the right of any citizen of  
the United States to vote on account of race or color.

Sec. 2. (a) Whenever the Attorney General initiates a proceeding  
under any statute to enforce the guarantee of the fifteenth amend-  
ment in any State or political subdivision the court shall authorize  
the appointment of Federal examiners by the United States Civil  
Service Commission in accordance with section 6 to serve for such  
period of time and for such political subdivisions as the court shall  
determine is appropriate to enforce the guarantee of the fifteenth  
amendment (1) as part of any interlocutory order if the court deter-  
mines that the appointment of such examiners is necessary to enforce  
such guarantee or (2) as part of any final judgment if the court finds  
that violations of the fifteenth amendment justifying equitable relief  
have occurred in such State or subdivision: *Provided*, That the court  
need not authorize the appointment of examiners if any incidents of  
denial or abridgement of the right to vote on account of race or color  
(1) have been few in number and have been promptly and effectively  
corrected by State or local action; (2) the continuing effect of such  
incidents has been eliminated; and (3) there is no reasonable proba-  
bility of their recurrence in the future.

(b) If in a proceeding instituted by the Attorney General under  
any statute to enforce the guarantee of the fifteenth amendment in  
any State or political subdivision the court finds that a test or device  
has been used for the purpose or with the effect of denying or abridg-  
ing the right of any citizen of the United States to vote on account  
of race or color, it shall suspend the use of tests and devices in such  
State or political subdivisions as the court shall determine is appro-  
priate until for each period as it deems necessary.

(c) If in any proceeding instituted by the Attorney General under  
any statute to enforce the guarantee of the fifteenth amendment in  
any State or political subdivision the court finds that violations of the  
fifteenth amendment justifying equitable relief have occurred within  
the territory of such State or political subdivision, the court, in  
addition to such relief as it may grant, shall retain jurisdiction for  
such period as it may deem appropriate and during such period no  
voting qualification or prerequisite to voting, or standard, practice,  
or procedure with respect to voting different from that in force or  
effect at the time the proceeding was commenced shall be enforced  
unless and until the court finds that such qualification, prerequisite,  
standard, practice, or procedure does not have the purpose and will  
not have the effect of denying or abridging the right to vote on  
account of race or color: *Provided*, That such qualification, pre-  
requisite, standard, practice, or procedure may be enforced if the  
qualification, prerequisite, standard, practice, or procedure has been  
submitted by the chief legal officer or other appropriate official of  
such State or subdivision to the Attorney General and the Attorney  
General has not interposed an objection within sixty days after such

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Sec. 17. Nothing in this Act shall be construed to deny, impair, or  
otherwise adversely affect the right to vote of any person registered to  
vote under the law of any State or political subdivision.

Sec. 18. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums  
as are necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

Sec. 19. If any provision of this Act or the application thereof to  
any person or circumstances is held invalid, the remainder of the Act  
and the application of the provision to other persons not similarly  
situated or to other circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

*John W. McCormack*  
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

*Hubert H. Humphrey*  
Vice President of the United States and  
President of the Senate

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*Lyndon B. Johnson*



# Photos





# Maps





# Video recordings



# Sound recordings



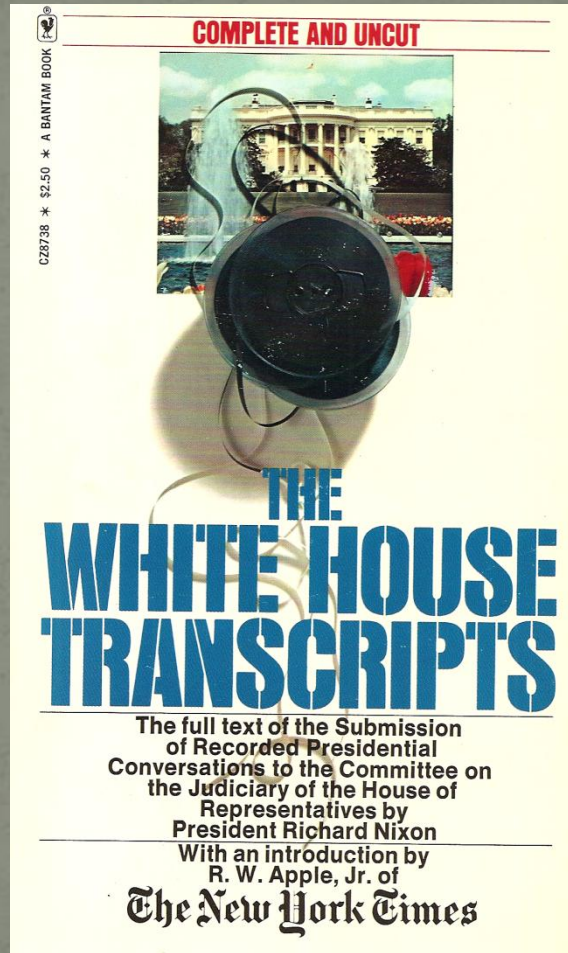


# Interviews with primary sources

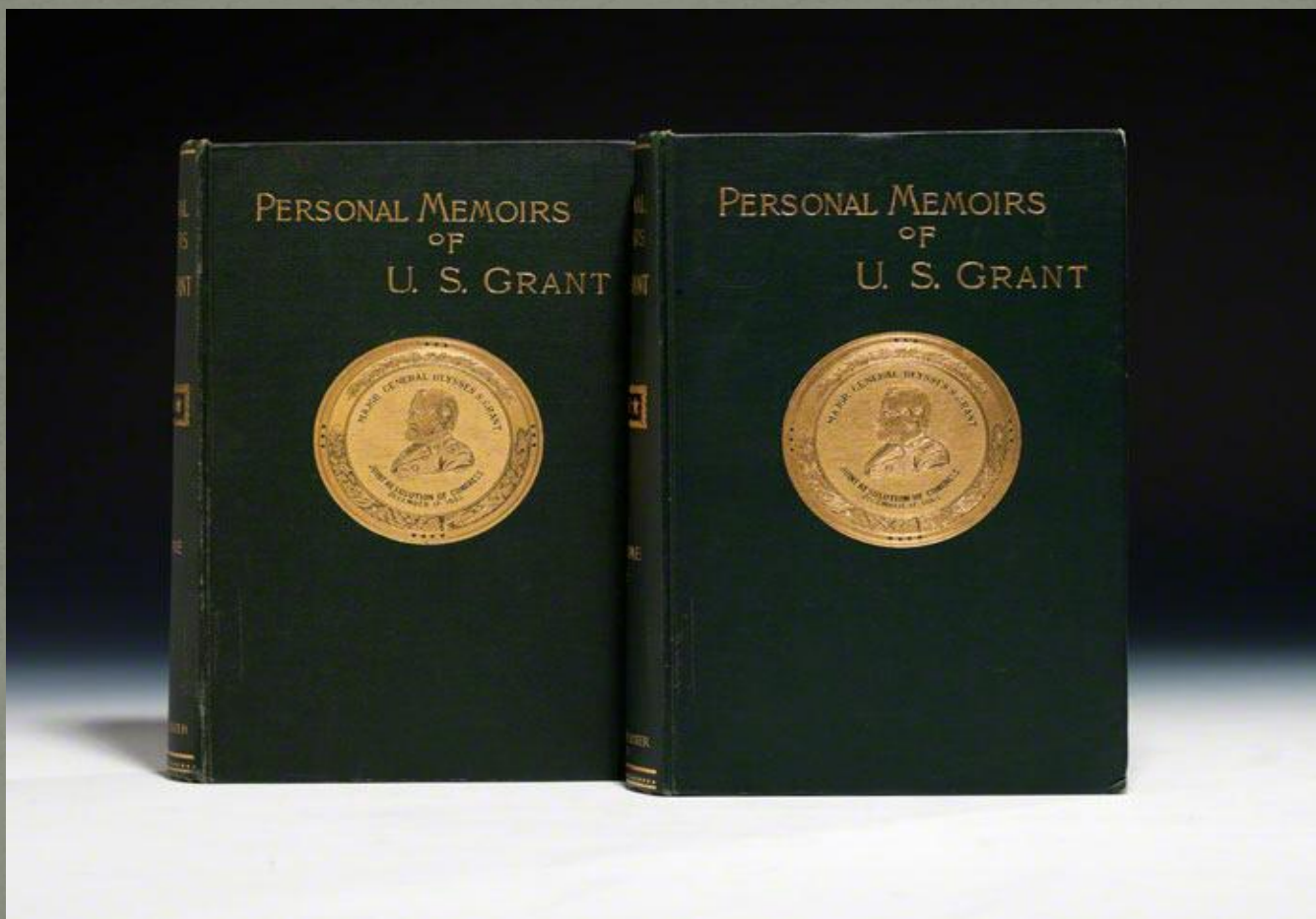




# Transcripts of primary sources



Books can be primary sources





# What makes a book a primary source?

- Autobiographies
- Memoirs
- There may also be primary sources contained in a book, even if the book itself is not a primary source
- Person is telling their own story about their experiences
- Written in the first person
- Look for “I, we, me” in the text



For this event . . .





# What are the primary sources?

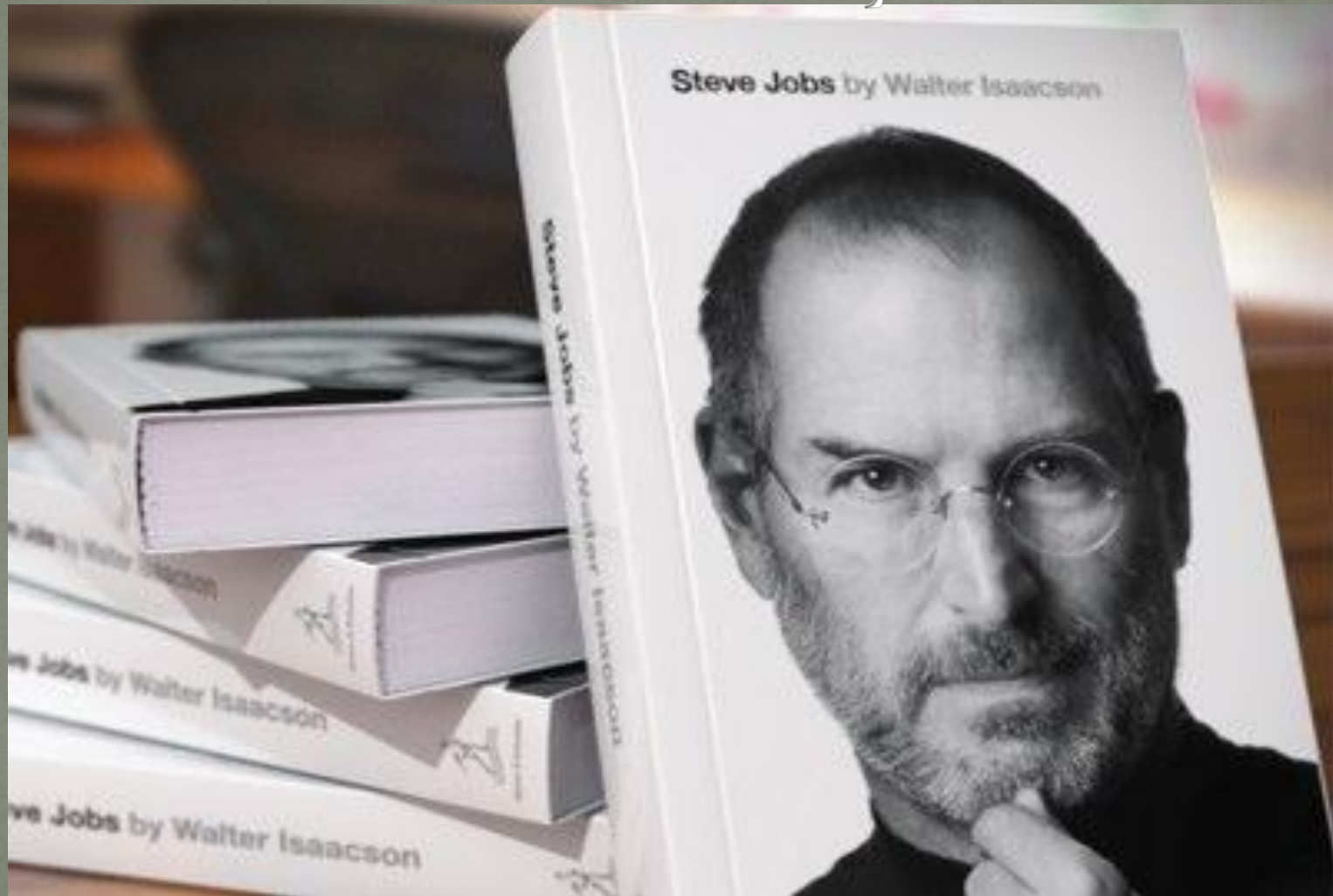
- Players, coaches, game officials
- Stadium workers
- Spectators
- Television broadcast and recordings of it
- Radio broadcast and recordings of it
- Newspaper articles shortly after the event
- Magazine articles shortly after the event
- Interviews with participants or witnesses
- Anything written or said by participants or witnesses at any time

# Secondary Sources

- Did not participate
- Did not witness
- Did not live during the time
- Created long after the event
- May use primary sources but are adding their interpretation



# Books as Secondary Sources



# What makes a book a secondary source?

- Biographies—stories of a person's life written by someone else
- Narrative—description of an event by someone who was not there at the time
- Written in the third person
- Look for “he, she, they” in the text



# Why use secondary sources too?

- Who, What, When, Where, Why
- Broader perspective
- Identify, organize, clarify, and possibly correct primary sources
- Detached viewpoint
- Analysis and interpretation
- Provide historical context
- Useful feature: Footnotes and bibliographies

# Footnotes are Your Friends

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# How is research like a river?





# Both are a merger of parts

- Large rivers are created by smaller rivers flowing into them
- Smaller rivers are created by streams that flow into them
- All of these have a source of origin
- Rainwater flows into all of these because of how the land is sloped (= watershed of a river)
- Big stories are made up of smaller stories from different perspectives
- Most primary sources only tell part of the story
- Sorting it out and putting all the pieces together is what historians do

# Going upstream to find primary sources





# You are the historian

- Finding and analyzing primary sources
- Using secondary sources for context and perspective
- Selecting materials to prove your thesis
- Adding your analysis and interpretation to the story



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