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What questions does this picture raise?

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Does the picture tell a story? Whose story?



Primary and Secondary Sources

Different Types of Sources

- There are two different types of sources
 - **Primary**- evidence from a time period or event
 - **Secondary**- someone else's interpretation of a time period or event.

What is a Primary Source?

An informational source from the time of an event

- Autobiographies
- Diaries
- Documents
- Eyewitness accounts
- Laws
- Letters
- Newspaper articles
- Speeches
- Artifacts
- Oral histories
- Photographs
- Film footage
- Art
- Music

Why do we use primary sources?

- It's hard evidence from the time period, not information that has been passed through the telephone game of telling and retelling history.
- Only your interpretation

Does a Primary Source have to be the original material?

No – it can be in another form, but it can't be edited or interpreted in any way.

For example,

An early map found on a website can be considered a primary source.



What are Secondary Sources?

An informational source that analyzes the event.

- These sources often use several primary sources to compile their information.
- This is someone else's interpretation of an event, not a first person account.
- Examples
 - Biographies
 - Encyclopedias
 - History books
 - Textbooks

Are Secondary Sources useful?

Yes – They provide the necessary background or context to be able to interpret Primary Sources.

For example,

World Book 2005 or your Social Studies textbook can provide background information about pirates and buccaneers.



Name that Source

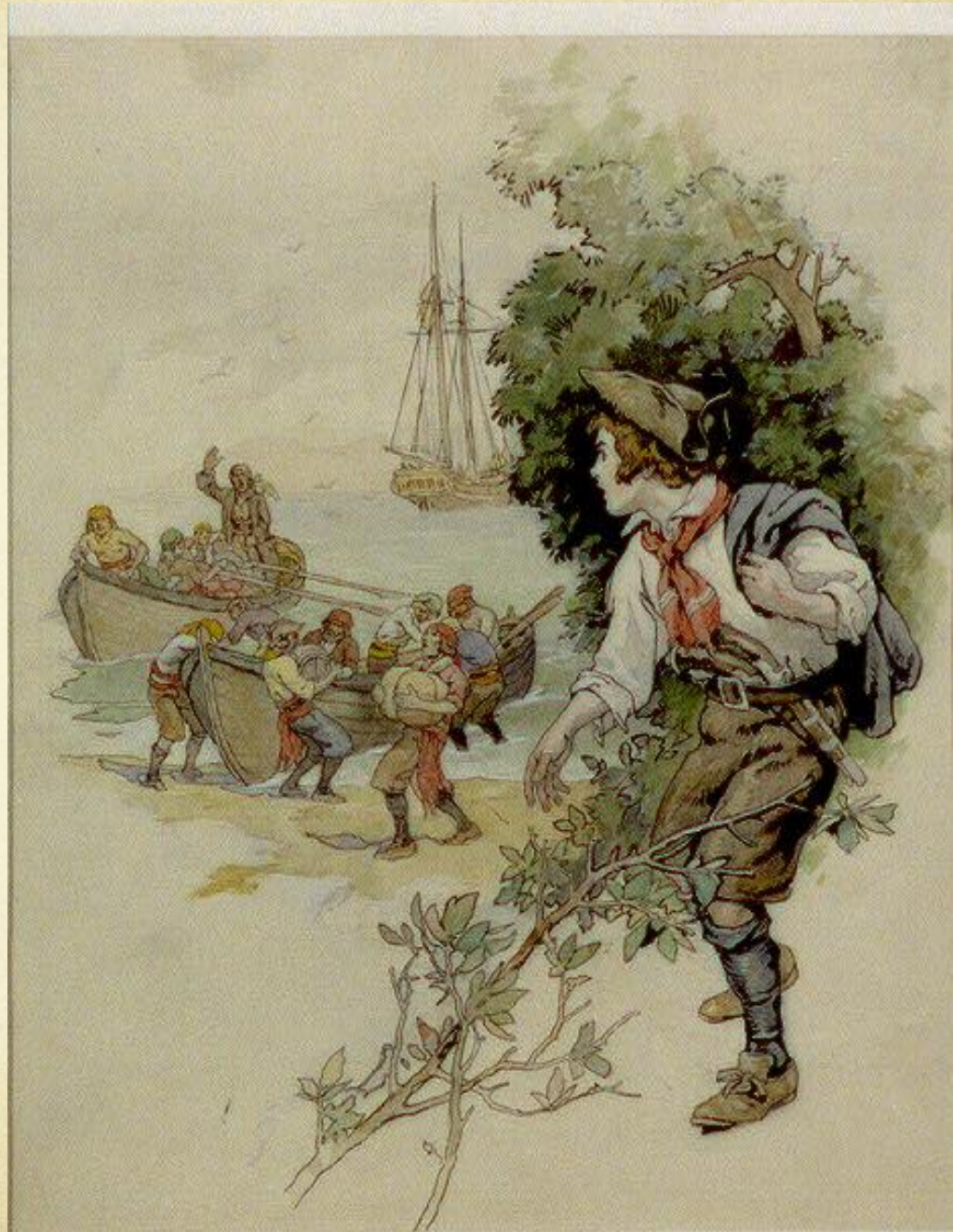
Primary vs. Secondary

Primary or Secondary?

A copy of the Declaration of Independence printed in an 8th grade text book.

Primary or
Secondary?

A drawing
of Jim
Hawkins
watching
pirates.



Primary or Secondary?

Encyclopedia article
about the first Emperor
of China.

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What are some examples
you may have?