

Primary & Secondary Sources Project

Guiding Questions

What are primary and secondary sources?

What makes a source legitimate, and how do you determine legitimacy?

Do all human beings have both primary and secondary sources? What types of individuals are more likely than others to have available sources?

What is your first impression of your historically significant individual?

First Steps

Select your “historically significant individual.” _____

Google your individual. Develop a general understanding of what sources are out there for you to utilize as you research. Collect your fast facts on the appropriate page in your spiral (leave two pages after the title page for a TOC and then do fast facts).

Reference the Prezi over Primary and Secondary Sources (available on my website) and begin to categorize your sources.

Visit the CMS East Library. What physical sources do we have? What do you find when you use the Library Databases? Categorize these as well.

When you feel like you have a good list of sources, create a Bibliography for your individual. Divide it into two sections, one for your primary sources and one for your secondary sources. Save your final bibliography as a PDF file in your Google Docs Shared Folder. (See sample on my website) Your bibliography must include scholarly journals, websites, and physical resources from the library.

Create a Secondary Source Website for your Person

Create a website for your historical individual. You can use any website creator that you want – Google, Weebly, Wix, etc. You will add to this website all year long. Right now, it should have the basic facts about your person, a picture of them, and anything else you think will boost your grade. The website should look professional, be easy to navigate, and have room for you to add LOTS of information as we go throughout the year. Impress me with your creativity and technology savvy.

Create a Primary Source about YOU

How will the world remember you? Create a primary source for yourself. What do you want the students 100 years from now to find when they search for primary sources about you? Is it a letter?

An interview? A website? A poem? A diary entry? An iPhone app? A piece of art? You are not limited in ANY way here – except that the source must be a representation of you and teach me about you.

Deliverables – Due Monday, August 29th

Remember/Understand/Apply

Bibliography

Primary Source about You

Analyze/Evaluate/Create

Secondary Source Website

REMEMBER: Technical difficulties happen! Do not wait until the last minute to finalize and submit your project. 😊 That makes it hard for me to help you.