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Unlocking the Mysteries: Investigating the Past with Primary Sources



What is a primary source?

- Primary sources are firsthand accounts or artifacts from the past.
- Primary sources are created during event or time period they are describing.
- Different types of primary sources include: documents, letters, posters, films, artifacts, photographs, speeches, autobiographies, maps, and many more.
- Using primary sources helps us understand history in a more authentic way.

Census Records

TWELFTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES.
SCHEDULE No. 1.—POPULATION.

NAME OF PERSON: *Charles H. Rice*
POSTOFFICE ADDRESS: *Lincoln Grove, Minn.*

SEX	AGE	RACE	MARRIAGE	OCCUPATION	INDUSTRY
Male	39	White	Married	Farmer	Lincoln Grove, Minn.
Female	37	White	Married	Homemaker	Lincoln Grove, Minn.
Male	10	White	Single	School	Lincoln Grove, Minn.
Female	8	White	Single	School	Lincoln Grove, Minn.
Male	6	White	Single	School	Lincoln Grove, Minn.
Female	4	White	Single	School	Lincoln Grove, Minn.
Male	3	White	Single	School	Lincoln Grove, Minn.
Female	1	White	Single	School	Lincoln Grove, Minn.

- Census records are official government surveys that collect information about people.
- They provide names, ages, and occupations of individuals during specific time periods.
- Census records offer insights into population trends and how it can change over time in a specific area.
- It is important to understand what is happening politically and socially during the time the census record is taken in order to get the full picture.

Draft Registration Cards

- Draft cards were used to keep record and information of people entering the armed forces.
- Contain details like birthdate, address, and physical descriptions of the person.
- It is important to note that not all of the people registered for the draft actually served in the military. And not everyone who served in the military registered for the draft.

SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM
REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE
555 Form 2
(Rev. 4-20-67)

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SELECTIVE SERVICE LAW

(FIRST NAME)	(MIDDLE NAME)	(LAST NAME)
Joseph	Francis	Corrigan, III

SELECTIVE SERVICE NO. 36 | 6 | 12 | 825

(DATE OF BIRTH) (PLACE OF BIRTH)
Pittsburgh, Pa.

COLOR EYES	COLOR HAIR	HEIGHT	WEIGHT
Blue	Blond	6 FT - IN.	185

Other obvious physical characteristics
Scar above right eye - on eyebrow

WAS DULY REGISTERED ON THE 25th DAY OF Nov. 19 60

Joseph F. Corrigan III
(REGISTRANT'S SIGNATURE)

Michael W. Manning
(SIGNATURE OF LOCAL BOARD CLERK)

Newspapers

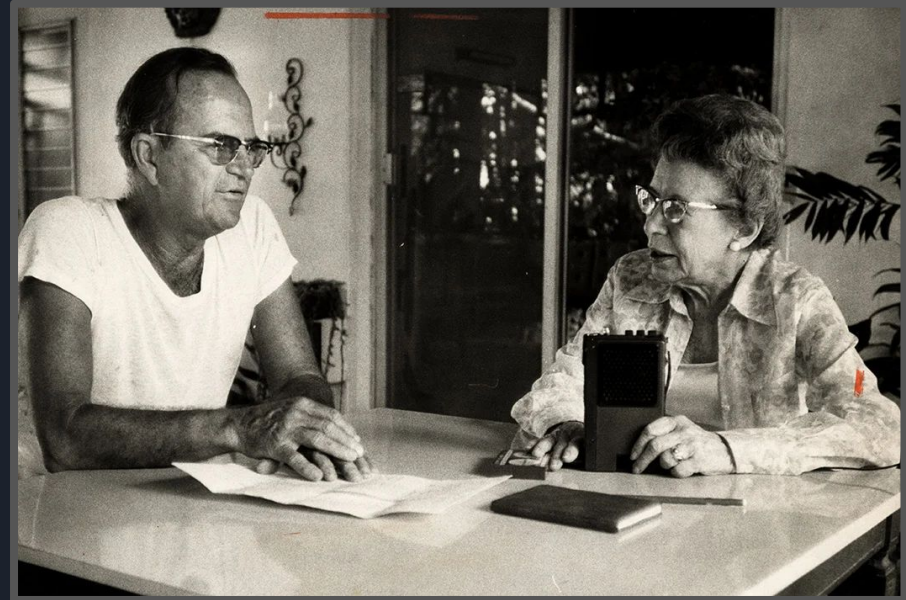
- Newspaper articles are written accounts published in newspapers.



- They include many details about historical events as they were written during the time of the event.
- Newspaper articles do not give the whole story, it is important to use newspapers alongside other types of primary sources to get the full picture.

Oral History

- Oral history involves collecting stories and memories through interviews.
- It captures personal experiences, emotions, and perspectives.
- Oral history gives voices to underrepresented individuals in other sources.





Let's practice!

Which of the following is an example of a primary source that can provide information about the past?

- A. A textbook written by a historian.
- B. A biography written about a famous person.
- C. A newspaper article from the time period being studied.
- D. A documentary film about a historical event.

LOCATION.			NAME of each person whose place of abode on June 1, 1900, was in this family. Enter surname first, then the given name and middle initial, if any. Exclude every person living on June 1, 1900. Omit children born since June 1, 1900.	RELATION. Relationship of each person to the head of the family.	PERSONAL DESCRIPTION.								
IN CITIES.	House Numbers.	Number of dwelling in the order of visitation.			Number of family, in the order of visitation.	Color or race.	Sex.	DATE OF BIRTH.		Age at last birthday.	Whether single, married, widowed, or divorced.	Number of years married.	Mother of how many children.
Street.			Month.	Year.				8	9				
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
		373	441	Historically Catholic	Head	w	m	Mar 1866	35	w		11	7
				Eddie	Son	w	m	Sept 1885	14	0			
				Dellie	Daughter	w	f	Mar 1887	13	0			
				Mary	Daughter	w	f	Dec 1888	11	A			
				Andrew	Son	w	m	Dec 1890	9	A			
				John	Son	w	m	Nov 1893	6	A			
				Amie	Daughter	w	f	May 1895	5	A			
				Jalio	Daughter	w	f	Mar 1897	3	A			
				(1-6) 3									
		119	112	Koyosaki John	Father	w	m	May 1820	80	w			

What year was John born?

- A. 1888
- B. 1890
- C. 1893
- D. 1895

What age was Eddie when the census was taken?

- A. 14
- B. 13
- C. 11
- D. 9



Where was Henry Fox born?

What was his job?

According to this document, who is an important person in Henry's life? How do you know?

REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after April 28, 1877 and on or before February 16, 1897)

SERIAL NUMBER U <u>2653</u>	1. NAME (Print) <u>HENRY — FOX</u> <small>(First) (Middle) (Last)</small>	ORDER NUMBER
2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print) <u>1904 - West. 20th - Pueblo Colo.</u> <small>(Number and street) (Town, township, village, or city) (County) (State)</small>		
[THE PLACE OF RESIDENCE GIVEN ON THE LINE ABOVE WILL DETERMINE LOCAL BOARD JURISDICTION; LINE 2 OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE WILL BE IDENTICAL]		
3. MAILING ADDRESS <u>Same -</u> <small>(Mailing address if other than place indicated on line 2. If same insert word same)</small>		
4. TELEPHONE <u>5240 W 20th</u>	5. AGE IN YEARS <u>52</u> 53 55	6. PLACE OF BIRTH <u>Denver, Colo.</u> <small>(Town or county) (State or country)</small>
DATE OF BIRTH <u>Jan 15 1887</u> <small>(Mo.) (Day) (Yr.)</small>		<u>Denver</u>
7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS <u>MRS. RUTH. FOX - 1904 W. 20th - Pueblo</u>		
8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS <u>Self EMPLOYED - SUB-CONTRACTOR -</u>		
9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS <u>1904 W-20th ST. Pueblo Colo</u> <small>(Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)</small>		
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.		
D. S. S. FORM 1 (Revised 4-1-42)	(over)	16-21630-2 <u>Henry Fox</u> <small>(Registrant's signature)</small>