

# Primary and Secondary Source Brainstorm

**1. What are some important words, dates, or people related to your topic?** These words will help you to search for sources. When searching the internet, use key words instead of typing in questions. Remember to check spelling!

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**2. What types of secondary sources might exist about your topic?** Check the types of sources you think you could find about your topic.

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| Book             | Video Documentary | Encyclopedia | Interview with Scholar |
| History Textbook | Biography         | Website      |                        |

**3. What types of primary sources might exist about your topic?** Check the types of sources you think you could find about your topic.

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| Diary                      | Manuscript Collection | Government Records | Historic Objects or Sites       |
| Interview with Participant | Autobiography         | Photographs        | Newspapers from the Time Period |
| Original Film Footage      | Music of the Period   | Letters            |                                 |

**4. Where can you go to find this information?** Answer the following questions and think about the places you could look for sources.

	Tried it!	Doesn't work for my topic.
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<b>College/University Library</b> —Name:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>History Textbook</b> —Title:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Electronic Library of Minnesota</b> ( <a href="http://www.elibrarymn.org">www.elibrarymn.org</a> )		
Encyclopedia Britannica	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Academic Search Premier	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ProQuest	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Student Resources in Context	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Minnesota Historical Society</b>		
MNopedia ( <a href="http://www.mnopedia.org">www.mnopedia.org</a> )	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Library Guides ( <a href="http://libguides.mnhs.org">http://libguides.mnhs.org</a> )	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Minnesota History Magazine ( <a href="http://www.mnhs.org/market/mhspress/minnesotahistory/">www.mnhs.org/market/mhspress/minnesotahistory/</a> )	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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