

A piece of brown, textured paper with a jagged tear. The word "HISTORY" is printed in bold, black, serif capital letters on a white rectangular background that is visible through the tear. The paper is slightly wrinkled and has a natural, fibrous texture.

HISTORY

inquisitive

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Historical sources

Unwrapping history and discovering its mysteries is all about using reliable pieces of evidence as information. These pieces of evidence are called historical sources.



History is a Greek word which means, literally, investigation.

Arnold Toynbee

ical novels.

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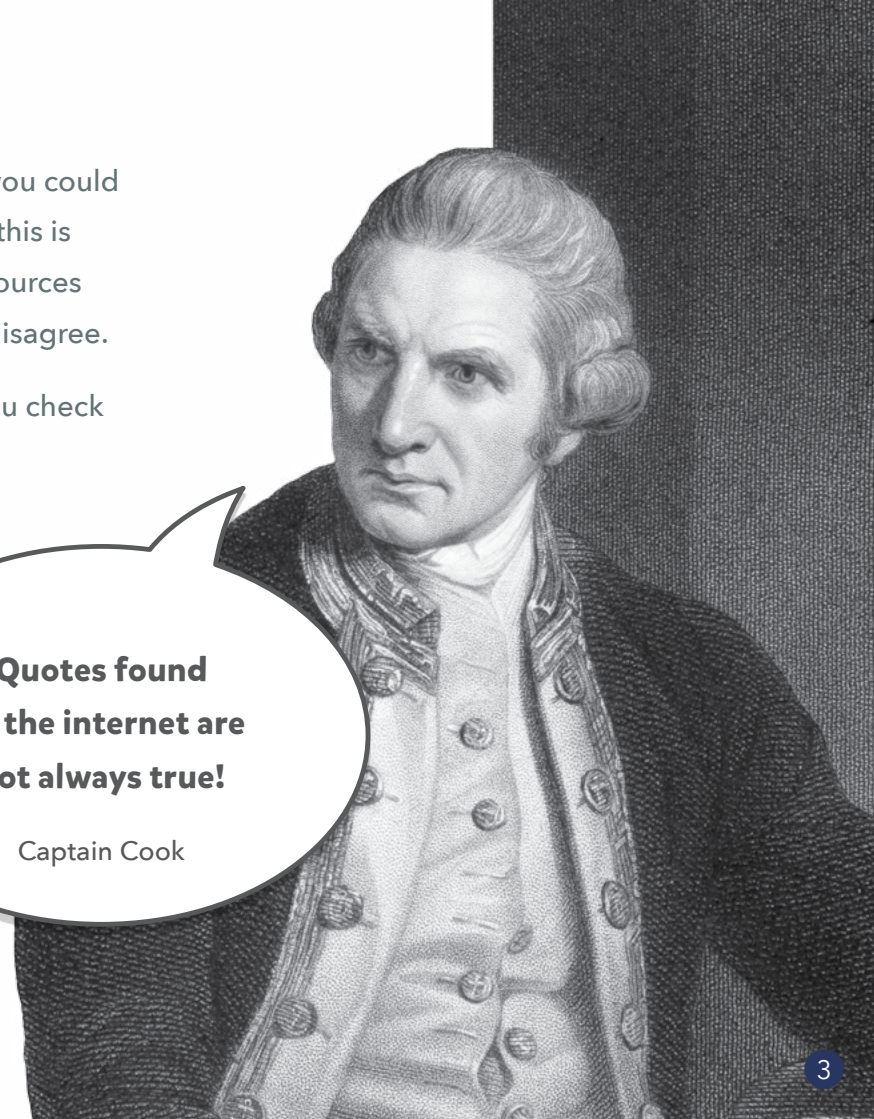
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Corroborating

After examining one source, ask where else you could look to learn more about this topic or event; this is corroborating evidence. Compare multiple sources and investigate where the sources agree or disagree.

When you investigate a source, make sure you check to see who created it and why.

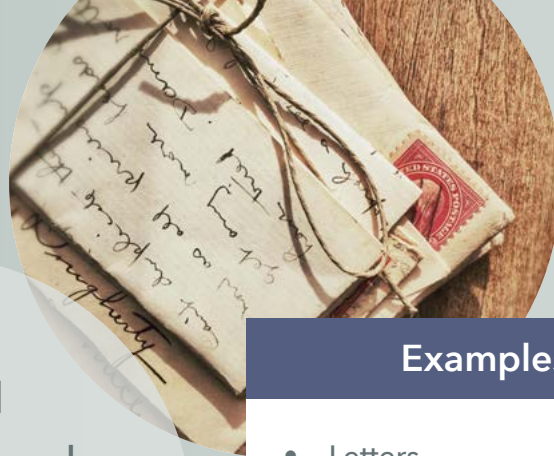


**Quotes found
on the internet are
not always true!**

Captain Cook



What are primary sources?

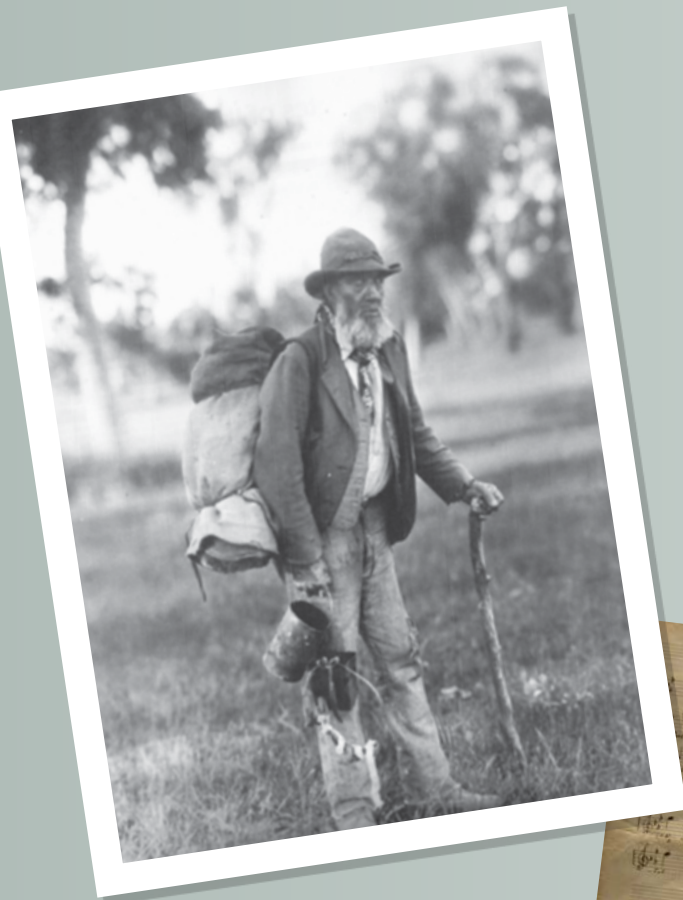


Original documents and objects created or witnessed at the time.



Examples

- Letters
- Diaries and Journals
- Speeches
- Government documents
- Original maps
- Newspaper articles
- Artefacts
- Paintings
- Songs and poetry
- Photographs



"Walkway Muntika"

III
Down came the hunter a riding in the forest
Down came the hunter a riding in the forest
When in the forest he was, and then
You'll come a walking Muntika with me
(Chorus: You'll come a walking)

IV
And the woman he saw and he jumped in the water
Downing himself by the castle of the
And his feet may be heard as he runs by the hillside
You'll come a walking Muntika with me
(Chorus: You'll come a walking)

II
Down came a peacock to drink at the hillside
Up jumped the woman and pulled him into the
And he had as he had from away in the bushes
You'll come a walking Muntika with me
(Chorus: You'll come a walking)

What are secondary sources?



Material which analyses and uses primary sources, created after the time.



Examples

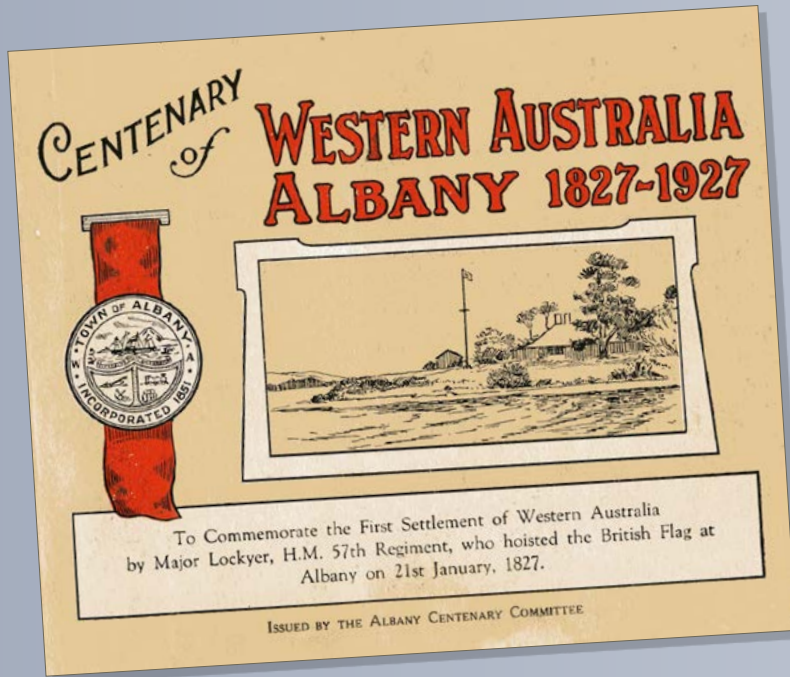
- Reference books
- Documentaries
- Reference Websites
- Movies and TV re-enactments
- Historical novels
- Biographies

When are sources primary or secondary?



Can they be
both?

It depends on the time or era you are studying and when the source was created.



Example

The book above was produced in 1927 to mark the centenary of the settlement of Albany in Western Australia. As an information and reference book, it is a secondary source. However, if you wanted to know about people's point of view and opinions in the 1920s about Australian settlement, the book would be a primary source.

