

Source Clue Hunt

Students identify firsthand records and use them for simple clues.

SS.1.A.1.1 "Develop an understanding of a primary source."

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DATE _____

Teacher: this page is run aloud. The script and answers are on the guide page.

1 OWN RECORD

a	DIARY	BOOK	MAP
b	MAP	PHOTO	BOOK
c	PHOTO	MAP	LETTER

2 SOURCE CLUES

a	SUN	RAIN	SNOW
b	● ● ●	●	● ●
c	CAKE	SOUP	RICE

HOW TO RUN THIS PAGE

Explain that a primary source is an original item made at the time by someone who was there. You may briefly use a ticket or an old newspaper as different examples. Read every situation and each choice aloud, then have students make one mark for each row.

Students never read directions on this sheet. Read each part's script aloud, then each prompt, giving think time before students mark.

PART 1 • OWN RECORD

SAY “A primary source is something made at the time by a person who was there. I will tell you about an item. Listen to the words in each row, then circle the word that names the person's own record.”

ROW	SAY	STUDENTS CIRCLE
a	Sam wrote about his trip in a diary. The words are DIARY, BOOK, and MAP. Which word names Sam's own record from the trip?	DIARY
b	At the fair, Nia took a photo. The words are MAP, PHOTO, and BOOK. Which word names the record Nia made while she was there?	PHOTO
c	While visiting the farm, Leo wrote a letter to his aunt. The words are PHOTO, MAP, and LETTER. Which word names Leo's own record from his visit?	LETTER

PART 2 • SOURCE CLUES

SAY “Now listen to a few words from sources made by people who were there. A source can give us clues about what happened. Use the source words I read, then circle the answer.”

ROW	SAY	STUDENTS CIRCLE
a	Here is a note Ava wrote yesterday: I saw rain. The choices are SUN, RAIN, and SNOW. What weather did Ava write about?	RAIN
b	Here is Ben's diary line: I fed two fish. Which dots show how many fish Ben wrote about?	2 dots
c	Here is a picnic photo label: We ate cake. The choices are CAKE, SOUP, and RICE. What food does the label name?	CAKE

WHAT TO ACCEPT

Part 1 answers are DIARY, PHOTO, LETTER. Part 2 answers are RAIN, 2 dots, CAKE. Accept one clear circle around each correct cell.