

Past Clue Detectives

Use social studies words to describe clues from the past.

SS.3.A.1.3 "Define terms related to the social sciences."

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DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle each bold social studies term. Underline the words that explain what each term means.

Clues From a Flood

- ① Social scientists study people and communities. A **historian** is a social scientist who studies the past. **History** is the study of past events. To learn about history, historians use **sources**, or pieces of information that give clues about the past. A source might be a letter, a photograph, a newspaper, or an object that people used long ago.
- ② A **primary source** comes from the time being studied. For example, a diary written by a child during a flood is a primary source about that flood. An **artifact** is an object made or used by people in the past. A clay pot, a tool, or a coin can be an artifact. Artifacts can also be primary sources when they come from the time being studied.
- ③ A **secondary source** is made later by someone who was not there. It uses information from primary sources and other research. A book about the flood, written many years later, is a secondary source. **Chronology** means putting events in the order they happened. Historians use chronology to tell a clear story, such as what happened before, during, and after an important event.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 What does a historian study? What is history?

2 What is a source? Name one kind of source from the passage.

3 What is a primary source? What is an artifact?

4 What is a secondary source? What does chronology mean?

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Imagine you are learning about a school event from 20 years ago. Invent one item from that event. Write three sentences telling why it is a primary source, an artifact, or both, then use chronology to tell when it belongs.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Circle each bold social studies term. Underline the words that explain what each term means. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What does a historian study? What is history?	A historian studies the past. History is the study of past events.
2	What is a source? Name one kind of source from the passage.	A source is a piece of information that gives clues about the past. Examples include a letter, photograph, newspaper, or object used long ago.
3	What is a primary source? What is an artifact?	A primary source comes from the time being studied. An artifact is an object made or used by people in the past.
4	What is a secondary source? What does chronology mean?	A secondary source is made later by someone who was not there and uses information from primary sources and research. Chronology means putting events in the order they happened.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

I would study a ticket from the school play. It is both an artifact and a primary source because people used it at the play 20 years ago. In a chronology, I would place the ticket during the school play.

Accept clear, accurate paraphrases of the terms from the passage. For Your Turn, accept a reasonable invented item if the student correctly explains its connection to the event and places it logically in an event order.