The Bean Seed Story

Read two accounts of one classroom event.

2.P.2.2.A "Explain the difference between a primary and secondary source of information; gather basic information (i.e., author, date, facts)."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the two authors and circle the two dates. Write 1 beside the writing made by someone who was there and 2 beside the writing made by someone who learned about it later.

Who Saw the Seeds?

1. On May 4, 2023, Mia Chen wrote in her notebook: "I planted three bean seeds in our class pot today. I pushed each seed into the soil and gave the pot one cup of water." Mia was in the classroom when it happened.

2. On May 12, 2023, school writer Leo Park wrote a short news story about the class pot. Leo was not there on planting day. He talked with Mia, then wrote that Mia planted three bean seeds and watered the pot.

3. When the bean shoots came up, Mia's class made a display about the planting day. They put both pieces of writing in a folder for visitors. A visitor wanted to know who saw the seeds go into the soil and who heard about it later.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Which piece is a primary source? Give its author, date, and a reason.

2. Which piece is a secondary source? Give its author, date, and a reason.

3. What fact about planting day is in both pieces? How did Leo learn that fact?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Imagine you saw a classmate make a paper airplane. Write two short notes about the event: one by you as an eyewitness and one by a person you told later. Give each note an author, date, fact, and primary or secondary label.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline the two authors and circle the two dates. Write 1 beside the writing made by someone who was there and 2 beside the writing made by someone who learned about it later. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which piece is a primary source? Give its author, date, and a reason.	**Mia Chen's notebook, dated May 4, 2023, is a primary source because Mia planted the seeds herself.**
2	Which piece is a secondary source? Give its author, date, and a reason.	**Leo Park's news story, dated May 12, 2023, is a secondary source because Leo learned about planting day from Mia.**
3	What fact about planting day is in both pieces? How did Leo learn that fact?	**Mia planted three bean seeds. Leo learned this by talking with Mia.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Primary source, May 6, 2024, by Ana Ruiz: I saw Ben fold a blue paper airplane and fly it across our room. Secondary source, May 7, 2024, by Eli Fox: Ana told me Ben folded a blue paper airplane and flew it across the room.

Accept any fact stated in both pieces for question 3, including that Mia watered the pot. For Your Turn, the first note must describe what its author saw, and the later note must say the other author learned about it from that eyewitness.