Clues to Flight

Use two sources to learn about a day in history.

2.P.2.2 "Develop skills which demonstrate an understanding of historical events and the people who shaped our history. Explain the difference between a primary and secondary source of information; gather basic information (i.e., author, date..."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the words that name the source Orville made, and circle the words that name the source made years later. Box the date of Orville's message to help you compare the sources.

News of a Flight

1. On December 17, 1903, Orville Wright flew a small plane near Kitty Hawk, North Carolina. His brother Wilbur helped him. The plane flew for 12 seconds. People had worked for years to make a plane that could fly with an engine.

2. That same day, Orville sent his father a telegram, a short message sent over a wire. He told his father about four flights. Orville was there and wrote the message that day. His father could read the news far from the beach.

3. Years later, writers at a Smithsonian museum made a web page about the Wright brothers' flights. They studied old records to learn what happened. These writers were not at the flight. Both the telegram and the web page tell us about that day.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Why is Orville's telegram a primary source?

2. Why is the museum web page a secondary source?

3. Who sent the telegram, and on what date?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Think of an event you saw, then write two sentences about a primary source made that day and a secondary source someone who was not there could make later using it. Explain why each is that kind of source.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline the words that name the source Orville made, and circle the words that name the source made years later. Box the date of Orville's message to help you compare the sources. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Why is Orville's telegram a primary source?	**Orville was at the flights and sent the telegram that day.**
2	Why is the museum web page a secondary source?	**Its writers were not at the flight and used old records to tell about it.**
3	Who sent the telegram, and on what date?	**Orville Wright sent it on December 17, 1903.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

At my birthday party, my aunt took a photo, which is a primary source made at the party. My friend who was not there could write a report using the photo, which is a secondary source.

For the marking job, accept “a telegram” or “telegram” underlined, “a web page” or “web page” circled, and December 17, 1903 boxed. For Your Turn, accept any clear event with a source made at the event and a later account made by someone who was not there using that source.