

Playground Time Clues

Use clues to sort sources about the past.

2.13.D "identify primary and secondary sources;"

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline details that show a source comes from the time of the playground or from a person who was there. Circle details that show a source was made later to explain the past.

A Playground Story

- ① Ms. Lee's class wanted to learn about a playground built in 1965. They found a newspaper story printed that year. It described the opening day, the new swings, and children who came to play.
- ② The class also read an interview with Mr. Ortiz, who played there as a child. He told a reporter about racing down the slide and getting a scraped knee. The interview was recorded last week.
- ③ Next, students opened a book about the town's parks. The author wrote it in 2020 after reading old records and talking with people. The book explains how the playground changed over many years.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 Which two sources are primary sources? What clue tells you each one is primary?

2 Is the book about the town's parks a primary source or a secondary source? Which details show you?

3 Why can Mr. Ortiz's interview be a primary source even though it was recorded last week?

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Imagine you are learning about a school event from last year. Write one primary source you could use and one secondary source you could use. Tell why each source fits.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline details that show a source comes from the time of the playground or from a person who was there. Circle details that show a source was made later to explain the past. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which two sources are primary sources? What clue tells you each one is primary?	The 1965 newspaper story and Mr. Ortiz's interview are primary sources. The story was printed that year, and Mr. Ortiz played at the playground as a child.
2	Is the book about the town's parks a primary source or a secondary source? Which details show you?	It is a secondary source. It was written in 2020, and the author used old records and talked with people.
3	Why can Mr. Ortiz's interview be a primary source even though it was recorded last week?	Mr. Ortiz was at the playground as a child, so he shares a firsthand memory.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

I could use a photo taken at the event because it was made that day. I could use a book written later about school events because it explains the past using information from other sources.

Accept a primary source that comes from someone who was there or was made at the time, such as a photo, diary, letter, or interview. Accept a secondary source that was created later to explain information from primary sources.