A **primary source is anything that has survived from events in the past, and that tells us something about those events**. Due to the fact that primary sources were created when the events were happening—or just afterward—they are usually more useful to historians than secondary sources.

Primary sources in electronic format are still primary sources—they record the words, images or objects created by the people who were there.

A **secondary source** is any image or description of an event or place that has been made **some time after the events**, usually by someone who was not there.

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With a partner, list examples of primary sources of information about the past.

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List examples of secondary sources of information.

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In this inquiry, you will visit websites of the National Library of Canada, the National Archives, and the Canadian Museum of Civilization. You will look at a variety of images of primary sources on life during the Nouvelle-France period of Canadian history.

With your partner, select **two** different primary sources, and save them in an electronic file. Add the following primary source record sheet to your file, and be prepared to present your information to other students.

Selecting and Using Primary Sources

Primary Source Record Sheet

Details about this primary source (type of source, title, description, creator, date)	Where we found this source	Why we chose this source	What information does this source give about life in Nouvelle-France
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2.			