

Teachers Answer Key: How do we know what we know?

Warm up

Answers will vary

Lesson

Artifacts

- 1. Any item created by past people that we can learn from now
- 2. (A) Paintings on a cave wall (C) a shell necklace (E) a deerskin blanket, (F) a child's toy.
- 3. Answers will vary

Primary Sources

- SECONDARY: A textbook in your classroom about Texas history
- **PRIMARY**: An autobiography about Abraham Lincoln
- **PRIMARY**: A letter from George Washington to his wife
- PRIMARY: A newspaper article from 2001 about the events of 9/11
- PRIMARY: A photograph taken by a soldier serving in World War Two

Questions

- 1. Someone's opinion (Foundations D)
- 2. Answers will vary (Foundations B)
- 3. Answers will vary (Foundations A)

Benefits and Drawbacks

- 1. Drawback
- 2. Benefit
- 3. Benefit
- 4. Drawback

Writing Exercise

1. Answers will vary

- **SECONDARY**: A student book report on ancient Egypt
- **SECONDARY**: A local newspaper article from 2024 about the 100th anniversary of a town festival
- **PRIMARY**: A journal entry from a Spanish explorer sailing to North America in 1585
- **PRIMARY**: Notes from an interview of someone who lived through the Great Depression in the 1930s





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Evaluating Primary Sources

• Responses will vary

Exit Ticket

- Correct answers in include
 - o Primary sources give us firsthand accounts of the past.
 - Primary sources often include the opinions and biases of people who created them
 - o Student responses to question number 2 will vary.

