

Primary sources are essential ingredients in writing history. A primary source is written by someone who was there. Newspaper articles are often primary sources because the reporters are there, bearing witness to the events. Sometimes primary actors will write autobiographical accounts, because they were there.

To help you understand the difference look at our libguide on primary, secondary and tertiary sources.

<https://bmcc.libguides.com/primarysecondarytertiary>

The guide also includes links to library databases that are collections of primary sources.

Remember the librarians are here to help you.

<https://bmcc-cuny.libcal.com/appointments>

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