

Primary Source Hunt

Now that you've found a hypothesis to answer your research question, it's time to see if the primary sources back up your claim! Use this sheet to start the hunt for those vital sources.

- Find at least one video clip. If you're not able to find video of the event or place or person from the time period, find video that exists of those places from today, or of related events or places that you might want to use in your film.
- Find at least 2 maps that are related to your topic. Pay attention to when the map was drawn and who created it.
- Find at least 3 letters or journal entries or other first person accounts that are related to your topic. Pay attention to who is writing, why they are writing, and who they expected their reader to be.
- Find at least 4 newspaper article that will help you answer your question. To find this, use the dates and places you identified in your research map to look for newspapers published on those dates and in those places.
- Find at least 5 people who you'd like to interview about this topic. Ideally, this is researching people who have first hand experience of the events. If the date of the event makes this impossible, this could be relatives of the people involved, or people who live near related places today, or experts on the topic. You might not be able to reach all these people for an interview, but make a wish list of who to contact!
- Find at least 6 photos. If your topic is from a date before photography, find photos of the places that the events take place from later on in time.