



## Identifying Primary and Secondary Sources

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- 10) Your parent describing how Pilgrims came to America.
- 11) Anne Frank's diary describing her life during World War 2.
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