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Grade: _____

Date: _____

Identifying and Analyzing Primary and Secondary Sources

Instructions: Determine whether the following are primary or secondary sources. Circle the letter indicating whether the item is a “P” primary source or “S” secondary source. Write WHY in complete sentences.

THE QUESTIONS WHICH HAVE A STAR NEXT TO IT ARE NOT MANDATORY, HOWEVER, THEY ARE CONSIDERED BONUS QUESTIONS. IF YOU ANSWER THE BONUS QUESTIONS, YOU WILL RECEIVE BONUS POINTS.

1. The story your great-grandfather tells you about his experience during World War II: **P**
S
a. Why: *If my great-grandfather was there and experienced the war, his testimony (oral history) of that event would be a primary source.*
2. A letter written by George Washington to his mother about the latest developments in the Revolutionary War: **P S**
a. Why:
3. Your Making of The Bahamas textbook: **P S**
a. Why:
4. A photograph of you and your friends at your 7th birthday party: **P S**
a. Why:
5. A mummy from ancient Egypt: **P S**

- a. Why:

6. The Diary of Anne Frank – the published diary of a teenage girl who experiences the Holocaust first hand: P S

- a. Why:

7. A timeline of the events leading up to The Bahamas' independence was published in a newspaper dated March 6th, 2013: P S

- a. Why:

8. Information the Pacific Science Center tour guide, who shows you around the exhibit, shares with you: P S

- a. Why:

9. A high school diploma: P S

- a. Why:

10. A biography of Stan Lee: P S

- a. Why:

11. A 7th graders' website about the effects of global warming: P S

- a. Why:

★ 12. A magazine article titled, "Life at NASA," that was written by an astronaut. P S

- a. Why:

13. A newspaper article about Abraham Lincoln's role in the abolition of slavery (which happened in the 1860's), published in 1934: P S
a. Why:

★14. A magazine article from a kids' science magazine that discusses earthquake's effects on the environment: P S
a. Why:

★15. A speech from a Nobel prize winning scientist regarding an experiment about the effects of Oreo cookies on mice's attention: P S
a. Why:

★16. A Van Gogh painting (when you want to study the life of Van Gogh): P S
a. Why: