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### 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup>, 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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: