**Primary Source Research Guide: a brainstorming tool**

For this worksheet, brainstorm 2 different primary sources that you could potentially use for your research paper this semester. These 2 sources could be for the same paper, or they could be for completely different projects. Complete the questions for each source below.

**Primary Source #1**

Source Title (make up your own if needed): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What type of source is this? q Historical artifact: what kind? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ q Film or television show q Literature (novel or short story)

* Art q Newspaper Article q Website q Social Media Account
* Other: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What drew your interest in this source?

Summarize this source briefly (if it’s a narrative) or describe its key details.

What are one or two details that you could potentially analyze if you write about this source?

What kind(s) of larger understandings could this source help you discuss?

**Primary Source #2**

Do you think you would use this second source in the same research paper as the first primary source you wrote about on this worksheet?

* Yes
* No
* I’m not sure yet

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