**What Is Evidence?**

Reliable and Relevant sources include evidence within any of the categories below: facts, personal experiences, expertise and organizations. Evidence must support a source’s claims, ideas, and information being shared.

**FACTS**

**PERSONAL EXPERIENCES**
Interviews Eyewitness Accounts

**EXPERTISE**
People with experience, training, formal education relevant to the topic

**ORGANIZATIONS**
Studies/Surveys/Experiments (Research Findings), Investigations, Position Papers (Reports)

**Types of Information Sources**

**PRIMARY SOURCES**
Raw data (see FACTS section above) and documents that exist in their original format – not accompanied by interpretations or analyses.

*Examples:* statistics, transcripts, experiment results/findings, newspaper eyewitness accounts, interviews, autobiographies, letters, diaries, lyrics, emails, posters, surveys, laws, memos

**SECONDARY SOURCES**
Information that interprets, explains analyses PRIMARY SOURCES.

*Examples:* non-fiction information (books, magazine/newspaper articles/essays) that discuss/explain/interpret events, issues.

**TERTIARY SOURCES**
Usually research papers/essays written by students: Information that uses secondary sources (books, articles, web sites) whose content includes primary sources.