

Lesson 4: News Story; the Beginning

Objectives: Identify the difference between primary and secondary sources.

Materials:

- A news column that can be used as an example (Science example)

Vocabulary:

Primary Source- first hand accounts that record or recall an event as it is taking place.

Secondary Source- an interpretation based on primary sources.

1. News reporters often write news stories about events that they have seen.

Before

writing, the reporter gathers facts, and observes what is happening. Reporters always keep these important questions in mind:

Who is the story about?

What happened?

Where did the event happen?

When did the event happen?

Why did this happen?

How did this happen?

2. Analyze an article, as a group, to see how these questions may be answered in the

example of the news reporters' column.

3. Often the reporters will interview or talk to people who are involved in an event. This

type of record is called an interview of a primary source. Decipher the difference between primary and secondary source. They will be the secondary sources of the news event, when writing the article.

4. Brainstorm as a group examples of primary and secondary sources.