

❖ What are historical documents?

- **Primary Sources** – primary sources are written or made by people who were at historical events, either as observers or participants. Primary sources include: journals, diaries, letters, speeches, newspaper articles, autobiographies, wills, deeds, and financial records
- **Secondary Sources** - secondary sources are written or made by people who were not present at the original events. They often combine information from several primary sources. The most common types of written secondary sources are biographies and history books.
- **Political Cartoons** – political cartoons are one kind of primary source. Political cartoons use a combination of words and images to express a point of view on political issues. They are useful primary sources because they reflect opinions of the time.
- **Charts**- Charts present information in a visual form. History textbooks use several types of charts, including tables, flow charts, Venn diagrams, and infographics. The chart most commonly found in standardized is the table. This organizes information in columns and rows for easy viewing.
- **Line & Bar Graphs**- Graphs show statistics in a visual form. Line graphs are particularly useful for showing changes over time. Bar graphs make it easy to compare numbers or sets of numbers.
- **Pie Charts** – A pie, or circle, graph shows relationships among the parts of a whole. These parts look like slices of a pie. The size of each slice is proportional to the percentage of the whole that it represents.
- **Political Maps**- political maps show countries and the political divisions within them-states or provinces, for example. They also show the location of major cities. In addition, political maps often show some physical features, such as mountain ranges, oceans, seas, lakes, and rivers.
- **Thematic Maps** – a thematic map, or special purpose map, focuses on a particular topic. The movements of peoples, a country's natural resources, and major battles in a war are all topics you might see illustrated on a thematic map.
- **Time Lines** – a time line is a type of chart that lists events in the order in which they occurred. In other words, time lines are a visual method of showing what happened when.

❖ What are Document-Based Questions (DBQs)?

- **Document-Based Question** – a DBQ requires you to analyze and interpret a variety of documents. These documents often are accompanied by short-answer questions. You use these answers and information from the documents to write an essay on a specified subject.

❖ Activity: Lunchroom Fight (worksheet)

❖ Activity: Evaluating Sources (worksheet)