



FIRSTHAND ACCOUNT VS. SECONDHAND ACCOUNT

MULTIPLE ACCOUNTS OF THE SAME EVENT

FIRST PERSON POINT OF VIEW

A firsthand account is a primary source

A description of an event that comes from someone who was there to see or experience it

- Photographs
- Interviews
- Autobiographies/Diaries
- Speeches
- Letters
- Artwork

May Include:

- Personal Opinions
- Emotions and Feelings
- Very Specific Details

THIRD PERSON POINT OF VIEW

A secondhand account is a secondary source

A description of an event based on research
Written or told by somebody who was not there to see nor experience the event

- Biographies
- Accounts from family, friends, etc.
- Some newspaper and magazine articles
- Textbooks/ Encyclopedias

May Include:

- Key facts
- Information from additional sources