Primary and Secondary Sources

Grade 3 Social Studies Worksheet - Building Confidence

Name _____ Date _____

Circle the answer.

1. What does the construction photograph show?

Source A

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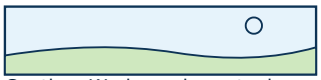
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Source B

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workers placing beams over the river
cars driving over the finished bridge
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2. Sam's letter was written the day after the flood. What kind of source is it?

Source A

Sam's letter

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Water came up to our porch. We moved to Aunt May's house.

Source B

Library book about floods

Written in 2010

In 1936, a flood covered many towns along the river.

a textbook a primary source a secondary source

3. Look at Rosa's diary. What was happening when she wrote it?

Source A

Weather website

Written in 2020

The storm of 1978 dropped three feet of snow.

Source B

Rosa's diary

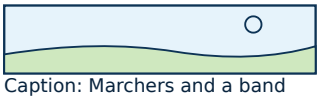
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4. Which source was written many years after the parade?

Source A
Town history textbook
Written many years later
The parade became a yearly event after that first march.

Source B
Parade photograph
Taken on parade day

Caption: Marchers and a band fill Main Street.

a marcher's diary from parade day
the town history textbook
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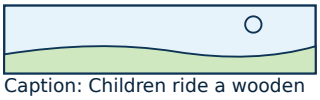
Source A
Telegram to the mayor
Sent on opening day, 1905
First train arrived at noon. Crowd of 500 cheering.

Source B
Documentary film
Made in 2005
Crowds cheered when the first train arrived. The station helped the town grow.

a student in 2005
someone at the station that day
a writer 100 years later

6. Which source shows what the 1952 fair looked like?

Source A
Magazine article
Written in 2012
The town fair has been held every summer since 1950.

Source B
Fair photograph
Taken at the town fair, 1952

Caption: Children ride a wooden merry-go-round.

the magazine article a fair map from 2020 the fair photograph

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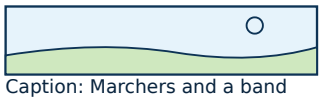
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10. Which source was made on the garden's opening day?

Source A

Opening-day program

Printed for visitors on opening day

Welcome to our new garden! Planting starts at 10.

Source B

History book chapter

Written years later

Neighbors built the garden as a shared space for the town.

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a garden website made later
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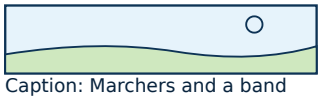
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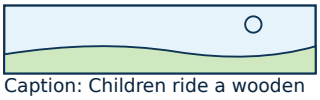
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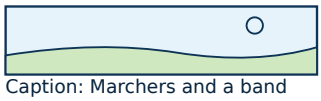
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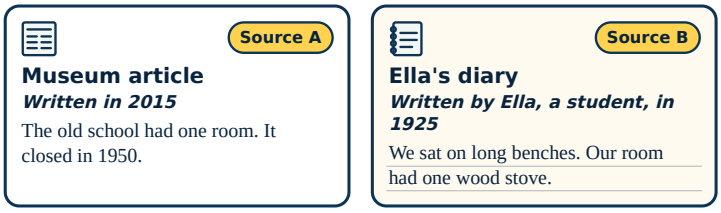
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