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Grade 4 Social Studies Worksheet

Name _____ Date _____

Circle the primary source in each group.

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   A timeline in a book about the American Revolution.
   A movie about knights, made in 2018.

2. A paragraph in a library book about how the pyramids were built.
   A children's book about Harriet Tubman.
   A postcard sent from a trip to the seashore in 1930.

3. A lesson plan about explorers.
   A cartoon made today about the Boston Tea Party.
   A telegram sent during a storm in 1901.

4. A podcast about the history of baseball.
   An encyclopedia article about a famous painter.
   A letter a soldier mailed home in 1944.

5. A pair of shoes worn by a runner in the 1960 race.
   A history magazine's article about the Wright brothers' flight.
   A short video that explains how the Constitution was written.

6. A website biography of a scientist, written by a writer.
   A student report on the first moon landing.
   A quilt sewn by a pioneer family in 1860.

7. A biography of a president, written by a historian.
   A news special looking back on a flood from ten years ago.
   A speech given by a mayor at the opening of a park, as written down that day.

8. A map in an atlas showing the routes of explorers, drawn by a modern mapmaker.
   A bill of sale for a horse, signed in 1855.
   A poster a student made about the Gold Rush.

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