

UTAH HISTORY

Historical Literacy Skills Post-Assessment Benchmark

SECTION 1: PRIMARY OR SECONDARY

Instructions: Identify if each of the following is a primary or a secondary source.

1. A photograph of the streets of Salt Lake City during the 2002 Olympics.
 - a. Primary Source
 - b. Secondary Source
2. A textbook chapter about Utah's government.
 - a. Primary Source
 - b. Secondary Source
3. A YouTube video describing Martha Hughes Cannon's life.
 - a. Primary Source
 - b. Secondary source
4. An interview with Alexander Graham Bell about how he invented the telephone.
 - a. Primary Source
 - b. Secondary Source

SECTION 2 - DOCUMENTS

Document 1: WWII American Indian Recruiting Plan by Philip Johnson

Source Information: This was a proposed plan for recruiting American Indians to join a code talkers corps for the United States in WWII. It was written by Philip Johnson in February 1942 in Los Angeles, California. Although Johnson was not a Navajo, he grew up on a Navajo reservation and was the son of a missionary. He became familiar with the people and their language and had the idea to use the Navajo language to send and receive messages in WWII.

Source

“Because of the fact that a complete understanding of words and terms comprising the various Indian languages could be had only by those whose ears had been highly trained in them, these dialects would be ideally suited to communication in various branches of our **armed forces (military)**. Messages sent and received between two individuals of the same tribe could not, under any circumstances, be interpreted by the enemy; conversations by telephone or by short-wave radio could be carried on without possibility of disclosure to hostile forces.”

5. Is this a primary or secondary source?
 - a. **Primary**
 - b. Secondary

6. What kind of source is this?
 - a. Diary from Philip Johnson
 - b. **Military Proposal Plan**
 - c. Book on Navajo Code Talkers
 - d. Newspaper from WWI

7. Who is the author of this document?
 - a. **Philip Johnson**
 - b. General Grant
 - c. Chief Washakie
 - d. John Alton Peterson

8. Where and when was this document created?
 - a. New York City, New York in 1839
 - b. **Los Angeles, California in 1942**
 - c. Chicago, Illinois in 1847
 - d. San Francisco, California in 1925

Document 2: World War II Victory Garden by The Salt Lake Tribune

Source Information: This is a photograph taken by the Salt Lake Tribune in August of 1943 of Utahns working in their “victory gardens”. Victory gardens were used in World War II to reduce the need for civilians to buy food in the grocery store. They could use their own homegrown food so that the excess food could be sent to the soldiers.

Source



9. Is this a primary or secondary source?

- a. **Primary Source**
- b. Secondary Source

10. What kind of source is this?

- a. Advertisement Brochure
- b. **Photograph**
- c. Travel Map
- d. Newspaper Article

11. Who created this source?

- a. **The Salt Lake Tribune**
- b. Deseret News
- c. New York Times
- d. KSL News

12. Where and when was the source created?

- a. Sacramento, California in 1991
- b. **Salt Lake City, Utah in 1943**
- c. Chicago, Illinois in 1881
- d. Santa Fe, New Mexico in 2000

SECTION 3 - RELIABILITY

13. Which source is more reliable about ancient Native American history?

- a. A book written by Richard Talbot, an archaeologist in Utah
- b. A blog post by a nonnative who visited some Native American rock art on vacation

14. Which source is more reliable about the Mountain Meadows Massacre?

- a. A diary entry from a survivor of this event
- b. A person retelling what they hear from someone in town

15. Which source is more reliable about how many refugees live in Utah right now?

- a. An interview with a refugee who is about to settle in Utah
- b. The Utah Refugee Services Office website