

1. Discuss the difference between primary and secondary sources.
A primary source is an original source, one that gives firsthand information on a topic: the source is close to the issue or question. This source informs you directly about the topic, not through another person's explanation or interpretation. Secondary sources present a secondhand information on your topic, information one step removed from its origin. Secondary information has been collected, compiled, summarized, analyzed, synthesized, interpreted and evaluated by someone studying primary sources.
2. An initial investigation of the Gulf Oil spill: Which source would be most beneficial to use and why?
A primary source because it gives firsthand information. It gives direct information on the topic, not secondhand.
3. Discuss why a tertiary source may not be permitted for your research project.
They are third hand information. They lack reliability. The information has been passed along and may have errors, distortions, and gaps, and may over simplify complex issues.
4. List and describe at least 6 different types of research papers/projects.

Personal Research- Search your memories and experiences

Analytical Research- Study texts, documents, maps, objects, events, and videos

Argumentative Research- review the literature on your topic, find trust worthy information in reference works, journals articles, scholarly books, and credible Web sites.

IMRAD Research- For observation, survey, interviews, experiment, and field reports, obviously rely on observing, surveying, interviewing experiment and doing field work.

Analysis of Literary text- a special application of analytical research paper

Literature Reviews- This writing relies exclusively of secondary research