



Firsthand vs. Secondhand Accounts

Today's Standard

4.RI.6 - Compare and contrast a firsthand and secondhand account of the same event or topic; describe the differences in focus and the information provided.

Cues	Notes
What is a firsthand account?	Firsthand accounts are written by someone who experienced the event.
What is a secondhand account?	Secondhand accounts are written by someone who did not experience the event but gathered information from other sources.
How do they differ?	Firsthand accounts provide personal perspectives; secondhand accounts offer broader overviews.
Why is it important to compare them?	Comparing them helps identify different perspectives and types of information.

Summary

Understanding the differences between firsthand and secondhand accounts helps students develop critical thinking skills by identifying various perspectives and types of information in texts.