

PRIMARY SOURCES

☐ *Canada: A People's History (CPH), Series 3 Episode 10 (1:00-4:48)*

☐ Complete or discuss Questions During Viewing

Assignments

☐ Read *Defining Primary and Secondary Sources*

☐ View video: *Evidence and Interpretation* by the Critical Thinking Consortium (T2C)

Journals, letters, documents, or pictures from the past are bits of evidence that help the historian discover more of the real story, just like evidence at a crime scene that leads to solving the mystery. Primary sources, created during or shortly after an event, are keys to understanding the past.

Secondary sources such as textbooks, biographies, or other stories, are a way for readers to look up information about an event.

QUESTIONS DURING VIEWING

All the events portrayed in this series actually happened. All the people you see actually lived. All the words they speak were spoken or written by them.

This is the story of one of the great human migrations in history, of the landless and the dispossessed, driven by hunger and by hope to a turbulent adventure in a landscape of terrifying beauty.

1. Are the characters portrayed in the series *Canada: A People's History* factual or fictional? **All the events and characters really happened.**
2. What kinds of resources do you think would be used to create the words the characters speak in the film series?
Diaries, letters, speeches.
3. Why do you think first-hand accounts are important in the study of history?
Answers will vary.