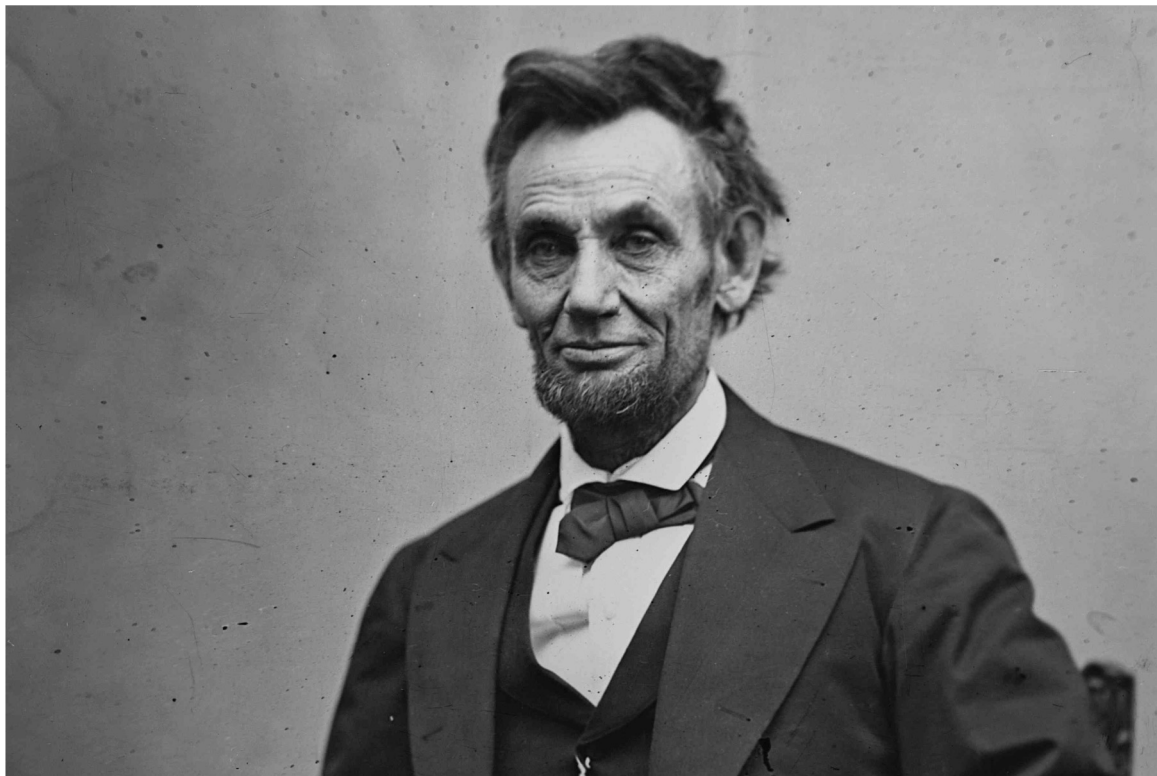
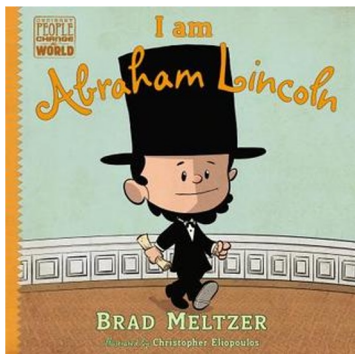
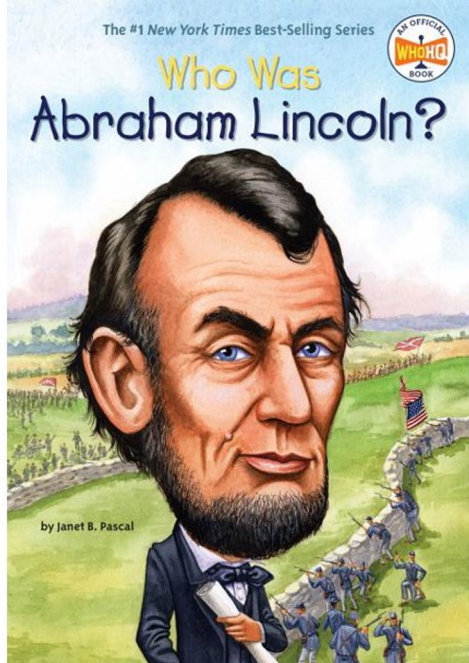
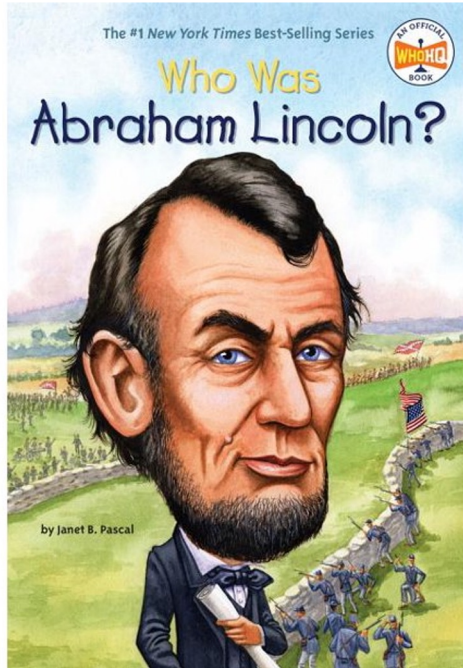


Lesson 10: Shake or Fake in Wilmington

Unit 1
Grade 4

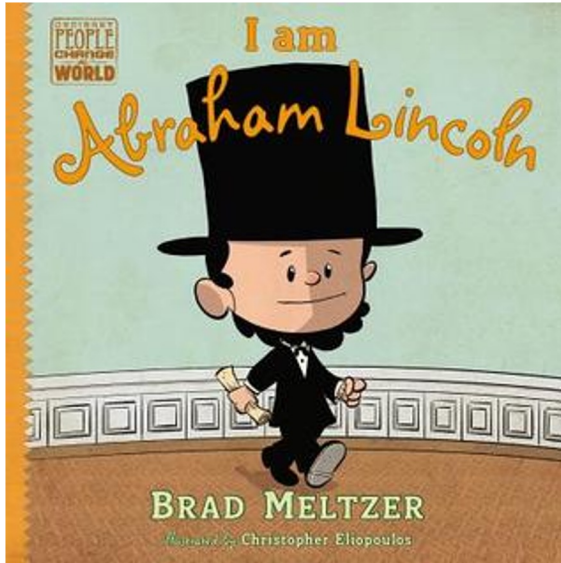


President Abraham Lincoln



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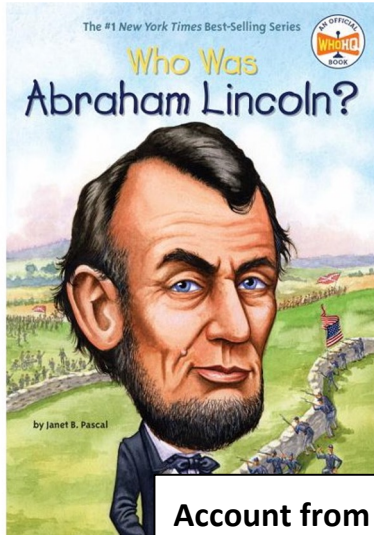


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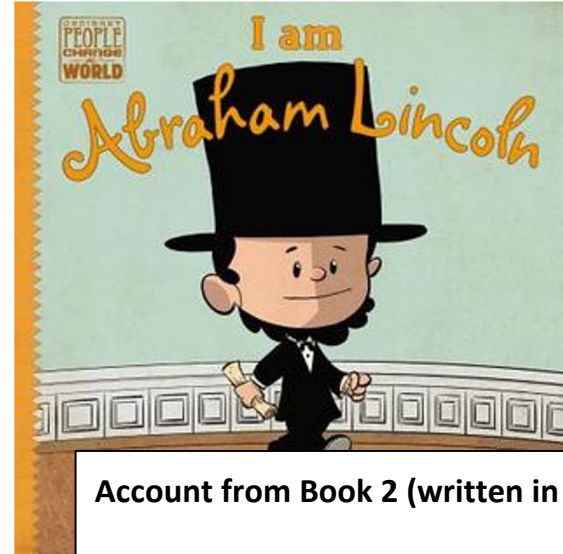
Summarize the two accounts

- Why do you think I was suddenly surprised.
- How are the two accounts similar or different?
- How can we account for the differences in the books?



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We have a real history mystery!

The case of a shake or fake!

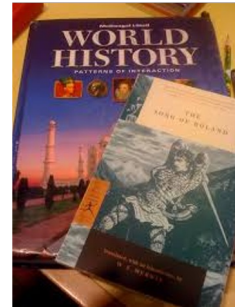
What are some strategies that could be used to figure out what 'really' happened?

What is the difference between primary and secondary sources?

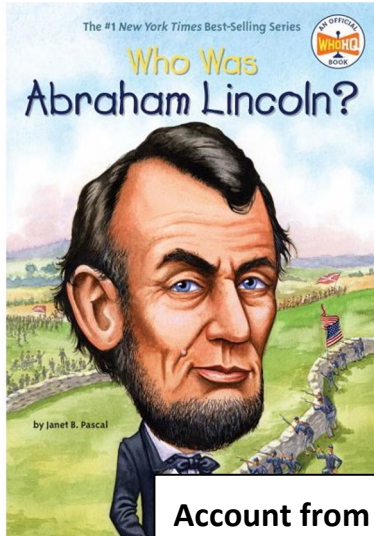
Primary source - a piece of evidence (document or object) that dates back to the time when an event occurred, or that is produced by an eyewitness.



Secondary source - evidence, descriptions, or explanations that offer information or interpretations about a past event or person but are not produced by eyewitnesses or linked close in time to when the event occurred.

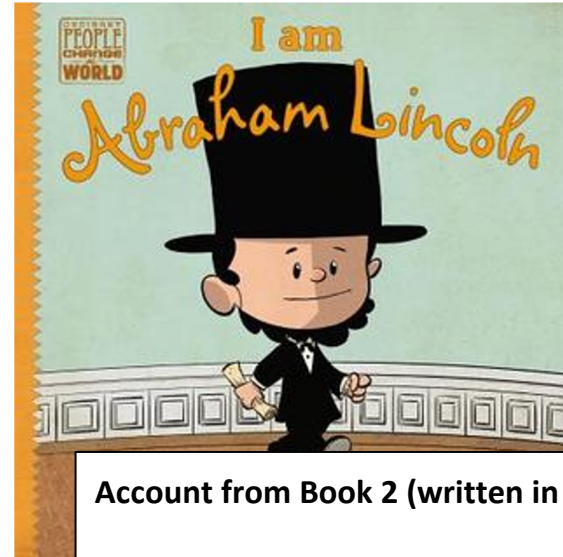


Are these books primary or secondary sources? How do you know? How do we determine what really happened?



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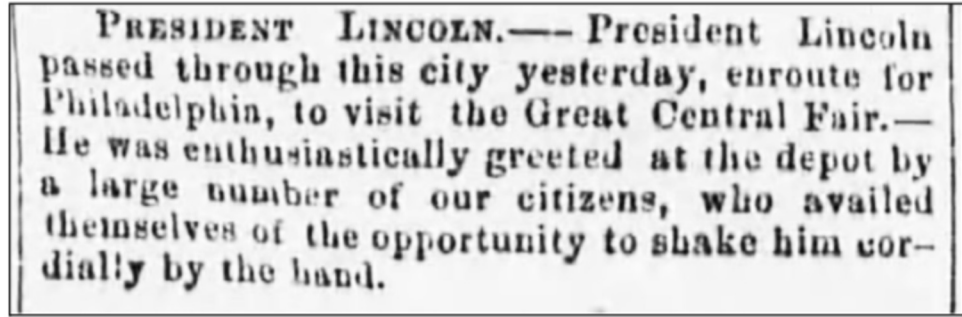
Account from Book 2 (written in 2021)

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We are going to look at two accounts from the exact day after Lincoln's train passed through Wilmington on June 17, 1864.

Are these accounts primary or secondary sources?

Newspaper Account 1



PRESIDENT LINCOLN.— President Lincoln passed through this city yesterday, enroute for Philadelphia, to visit the Great Central Fair.— He was enthusiastically greeted at the depot by a large number of our citizens, who availed themselves of the opportunity to shake him cordially by the hand.

Transcription

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Delaware Gazette
June 17, 1864

Newspaper Account 2

day morning at 10 o'clock.

President Lincoln passed through this city yesterday morning, about 10½ o'clock, in a special train, and a car fitted up for the occasion, by the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore railroad company, at an expense of \$6000. We regret that the President did not consider the people worthy of a sight of his person. Certainly the President of the United States could afford to pass leisurely along through the country and show himself to the people, when some of the greatest monarchs of Europe do not fear to do so.

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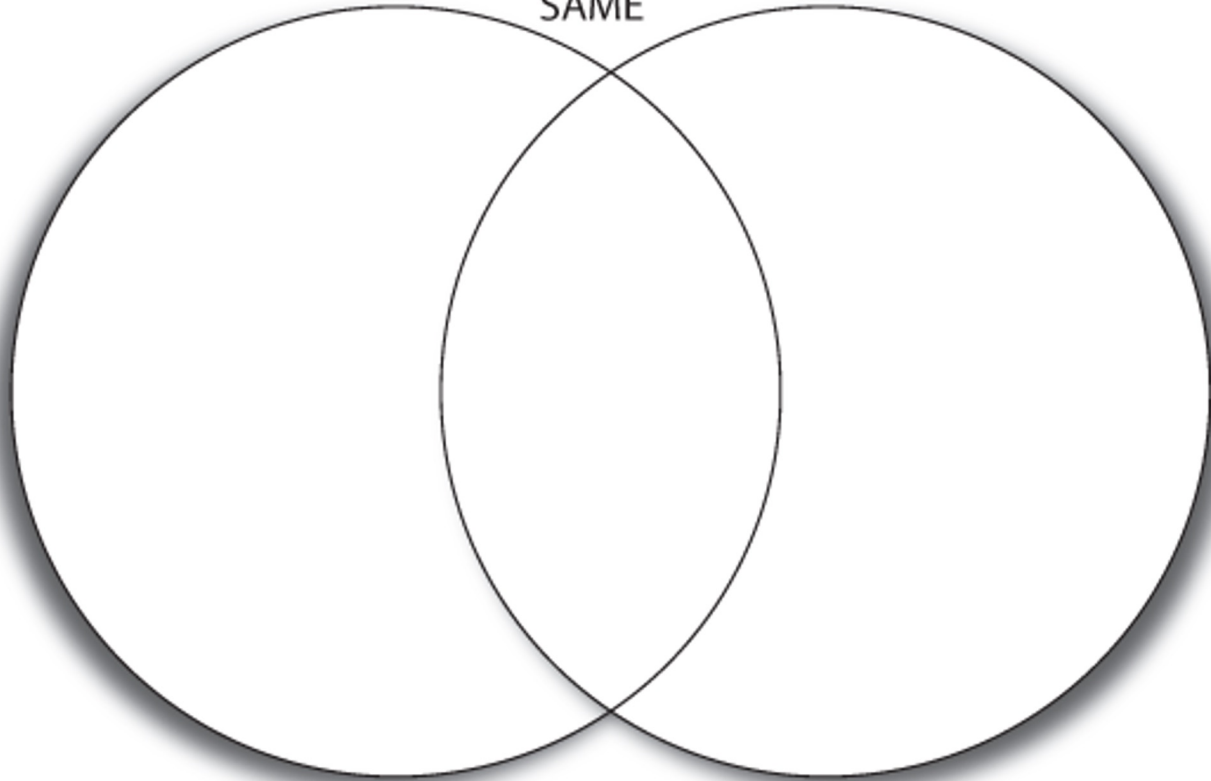
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Venn Diagram

Account 1
DIFFERENT

Account 2
DIFFERENT

SAME

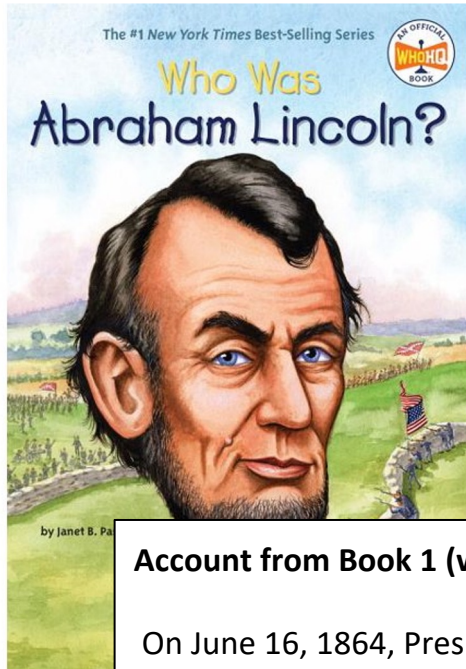


1. Why might two primary source accounts of the same event be different?
2. Has this shake or fake mystery been solved?
3. How might researchers find out whether President Lincoln actually stopped to shake hands with people in Wilmington?

All historical sources reflect some degree of perspective, whether they are primary or secondary sources. We have learned today that:

- both primary and secondary sources can and should be questioned
- there is not always a “best” source
- it is important for researchers to continue to try to corroborate stories
- just because a mystery is not resolved today does not mean that it may not be resolved in the future by those who continue to investigate

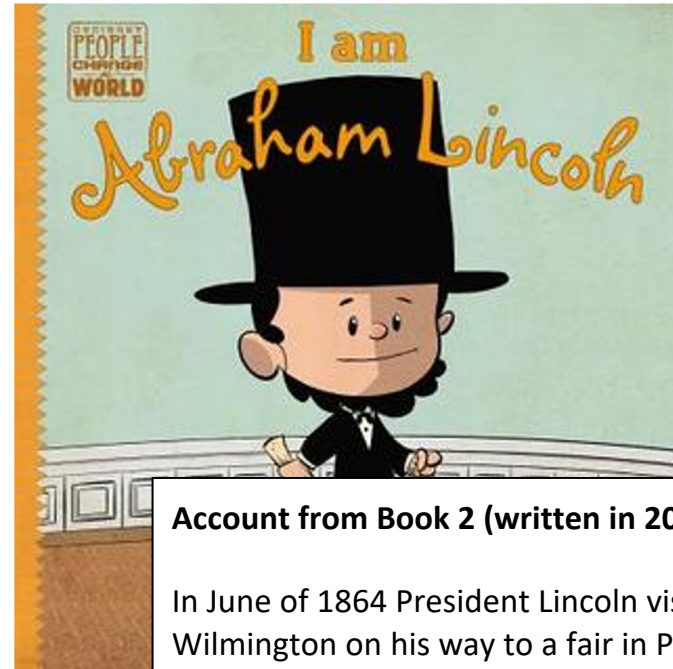
Though these are real children's books, the excerpts did not come from these books and the excerpts were fake. But, they could have been actual accounts based on what appears in the primary sources. The excerpts were used to teach you about history standard 2.



Account from Book 1 (written in 2011)

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FAKE!



Account from Book 2 (written in 2021)

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FAKE!

Check for Understanding

Resource 3. Checks for Understanding

Name _____

Read the two accounts of the grade 4 student-teacher basketball game below then answer the questions that follow.

Account 1 - Daryl's Account

"The student-faculty basketball game was the most popular event of the year for 4th grade students. I asked all of the boys who attended the game."

Account 2 - Jamie's Account

"I asked everyone in the 4th grade if they thought that the student-teacher basketball game was the most popular event of the year for students in grade 4. Most said no and told me that they liked field day even better."

1. List two reasons why there might be different accounts of the basketball game?

Reason 1: _____

Reason 2: _____

2. Explain how Reason 1 caused there to be different accounts.

3. Explain how Reason 2 caused there to be different accounts.

