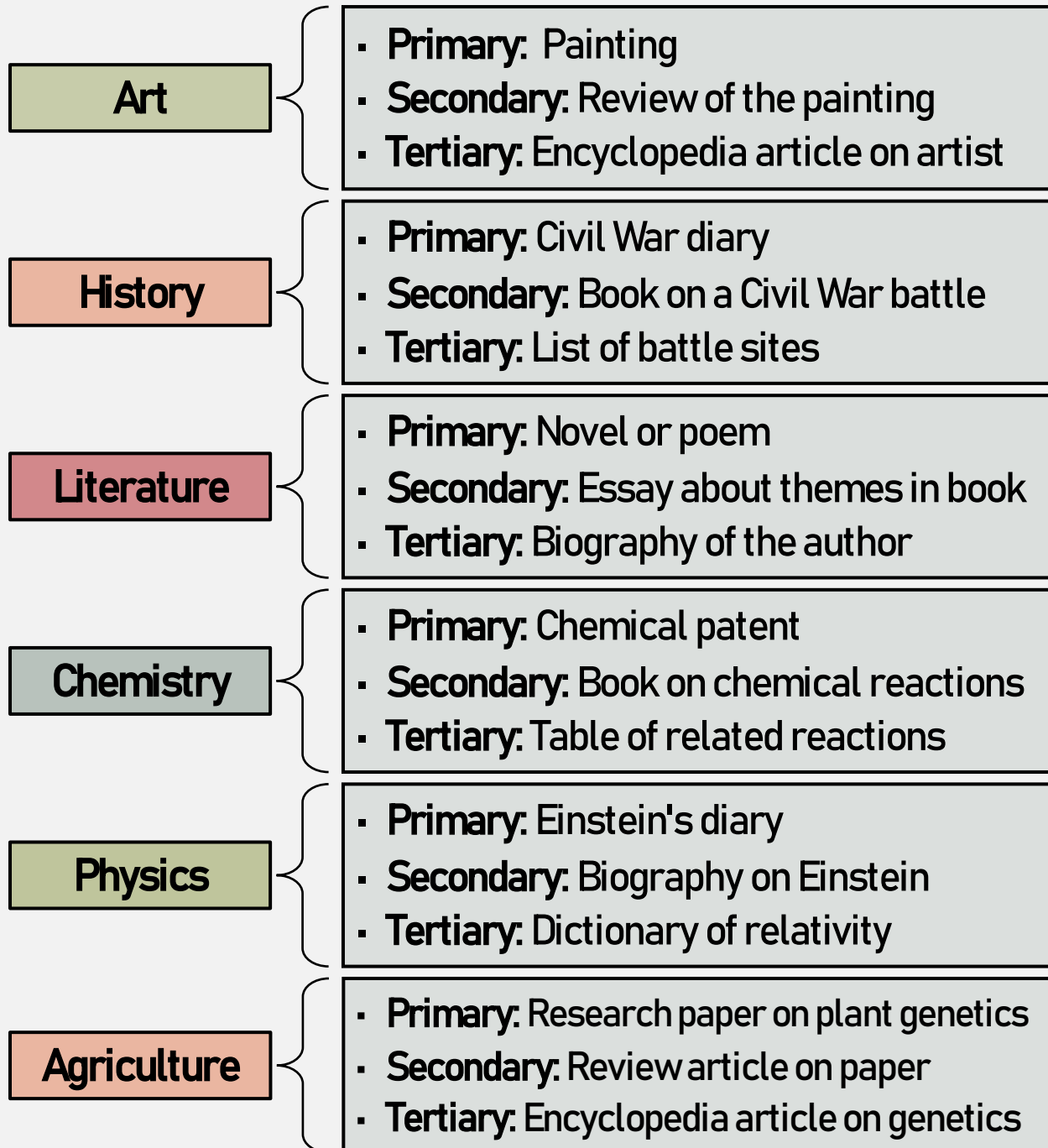


# Examples by Subject

of Primary, Secondary and Tertiary Sources



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# Primary, Secondary and Tertiary Sources

**Primary:** An original document or set of research containing first-hand information and observations created in the period.

## Examples

- Newspapers
- Speeches
- Interviews
- Research Data
- Autobiographies
- Art and Literature
- Letters
- Diaries
- Maps
- Artifacts

## Examples

- Biographies
- Commentaries
- Documentaries
- Reviews
- Histories
- Peer-Reviewed Articles

**Secondary:** These sources offer interpretation or commentary on primary sources. They include second-hand accounts or analysis.

**Tertiary:** These sources provide overviews of topics by synthesizing information gathered from other resources. They will present information with context to interpret it.

## Examples

- Bibliographies
- Almanacs
- Dictionaries
- Encyclopedias
- Textbooks
- Indexes