



# Primary & Secondary Sources

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# Primary Sources: Raw and Authentic:

- **Literary Works:** Novels as a mirror to the times they were written.
- **Scientific Inquiry:** Experiments as a means to generate empirical evidence.
- **Historic Artifacts:** Documents and manuscripts as direct legacies of the past.

# Secondary Sources: Interpretive and Analytical:

- **Defining Secondary Sources:** Works that interpret, critique, or analyze primary sources.
- **Examples:** Scholarly articles, historical commentaries, documentary films.
- **Purpose:** To provide context, discuss implications, and offer synthesized insights.

# Synergistic Use of Sources:

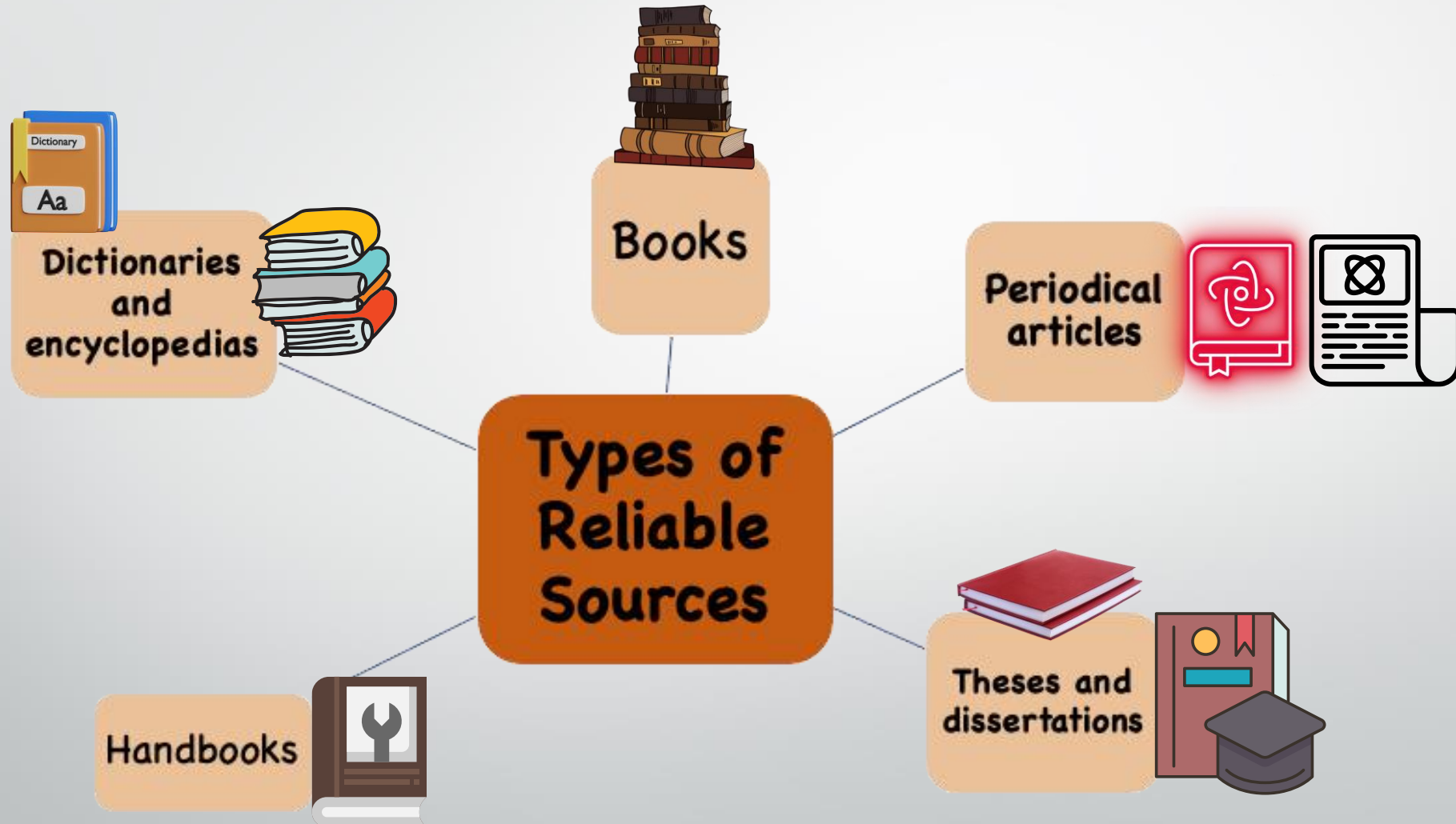
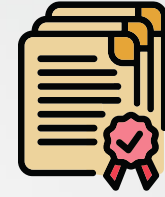
- **Analytical Support:** Secondary sources provide depth to the understanding of primary data.
- **Assessment and Evaluation:** They critically examine and assess the relevance and implications of primary sources.
- **Extended Narratives:** Create broader narratives that connect individual pieces of primary evidence.

# Use Sources That Strengthen Your Credibility

- **Strengthen Credibility:** Use reliable sources like historical documents, scientific research, newspaper articles, and firsthand interviews.
- **Avoid Random Searches:** Instead of random internet browsing, use specific keywords in the library catalog.
- **Consult Experts:** Reference works by recognized authorities often cited by others.
- **Verify Author Credentials:** Check biographical references or databases like Contemporary Authors or Who's Who.
- **Analyze Source Agendas:** Understand the sponsor's mission to ensure source alignment with research integrity.
- **Interpret Endorsement:** Citing a source without disclaimer may imply agreement with its perspective.
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