
**BACKGROUND
INFORMATION FOR
HARRY WASHINGTON
ACTIVITY**



**NATIONAL
ENDOWMENT
FOR THE
HUMANITIES**



PRIMARY SOURCE

- Original, unaltered records
- First-hand records from someone who witnessed an event take place
- Examples include:
 - Photos
 - Audio Interviews
 - Databases of names
 - Maps
 - Letters
 - Newspapers* (written on or near the date that the event happened)

SECONDARY SOURCE

- Sources that analyze or summarize events or records and usually give an opinion
- Examples include:
 - Biographies
 - Textbooks
 - Journal articles
 - Newspapers* (written well after the event, like an anniversary article)

COUNTRY MARKS

Country marks were used within African Tribes. When people were taken into the Slave Trade, the descriptions were used to find runaways.



LORD DUNMORE

- Lord Dunmore was the British Governor of New York and Virginia. He worked to defeat the American Revolutionaries and wrote the Dunmore Proclamation.

MOUNT VERNON

- The estate and home of the first President, George Washington.
- Washington had at least 577 enslaved people on record over the course of his life at Mount Vernon.

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BLACK LOYALIST DIRECTORY

- A list of escaped slaves and free Black folk who joined the British army during the American Revolution.