

Color-Coding Evidence Answer Key

Primary Source Phrases (underlined red):

- *"That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind."* (Armstrong's direct quote = firsthand evidence)
- "His handwritten notes from the Apollo 11 mission" (original document from the event)
- "Original NASA footage" (direct visual evidence from the time)

Secondary Source Phrases (underlined blue):

- "Newspapers across the United States reported on the moon landing" (reporting/retelling based on the event)
- "Historians wrote books explaining how the space race influenced Cold War politics" (analysis and interpretation)
- "One historian noted that Armstrong's achievement symbolized 'the triumph of American technology and perseverance.'" (interpretive commentary)
- "A documentary combined original NASA footage with interviews from scientists" (compilation and explanation = secondary, even though it uses primary evidence)

Teacher's Notes:

- Remind students that **quotes, notes, and footage created at the time** = Primary.
- **Explanations, retellings, and analyses made later** = Secondary.
- The documentary is an excellent teaching example: it contains **primary elements** but is **secondary overall** because it organizes and interprets the materials.
- Extension idea: Provide students with short sample passages from other topics (sports, literature, or family history) and ask them to be "source detectives" again.