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Video Discussion Questions

Part I—After Viewing the Video

Directions: Watch the video "Behind the Scenes: The Volcano That Changed the World." Make sure to listen for what the video says about primary sources. Then answer the questions below.

1. According to the video, what is a primary source? Based on this definition, what other examples of primary sources can you name?

2. Allison says in the video that looking at primary sources is the most interesting part of the research process. Why might this be the case?

3. Why do you think Lauren Tarshis wanted to include the story of a real family in her article "The Volcano That Changed the World"?

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Part II—After Reading the Article

Directions: Think about what you learned about primary sources in the video. How does it apply to the article "The Volcano That Changed the World"? Match each article excerpt in the left column with the source in the right column that the piece of information most likely came from.

Article Excerpt	Source of Information
<p>1. "Ten-year-old John Hoisington stared in shock out the window of his family's Vermont farmhouse. It was June 8, 1816. Summer was just two weeks away. Yet outside, a wild winter snowstorm was raging." (p. 5)</p> <p>SOURCE: _____</p>	<p>a. French newspaper article from 1816</p> <p>b. Diary of Sabrina Hoisington</p>
<p>2. "The eruption of Tambora in 1815 was the most deadly and powerful eruption in human history." (p. 7)</p> <p>SOURCE: _____</p>	<p>c. Encyclopedia entry about Mount Tambora</p>
<p>3. "Most volcanic clouds quickly dissipate—break apart and fade away. But in a very powerful eruption, the cloud rises so high that it mixes with water and other gases in the stratosphere. It turns into a foam and remains high in the sky." (p. 8)</p> <p>SOURCE: _____</p>	<p>d. Scientific journal article about the relationship between volcanoes and climate</p>
<p>4. "In Europe, farmers grew desperate. In Paris, mobs of people broke into warehouses where grain was stored, risking their lives to steal sacks of flour." (p. 8)</p> <p>SOURCE: _____</p>	