



# Primary Source Analysis - Module 4

What is a primary source? Primary sources are sources from the specific time period of study. For example, when studying the Vietnam War, primary sources can be government documents, photographs, journal entries, newspaper articles from the time period, audio/video sources, etc. [Click here to read more about primary and secondary sources.](#)

## Directions

Please read both of the following primary sources linked below and consider the questions below regarding the source. **The first sources listed is linked to a website. The second source is a PDF you can find on the Vietnam War Digital History Project website.**

[Nixon's Vietnamization Speech](#) (This link has the text to the speech and the video of the speech at the bottom of the page. This speech is often referred to as the Great Silent Majority Speech as well).

Excerpt from the Pentagon Papers

### Questions to Consider:

1. What were Nixon's key points in his speech?
2. What was Nixon's specific plan regarding Vietnam?
3. When reading the excerpt from the Pentagon Papers, why did Diem not want to hold elections?
4. Did the US support Diem's view to not hold elections? Why or why not?