### PRIMARY SOURCES:
Ex: Hawthorne’s The Scarlet Letter is the primary source of a paper on The Scarlet Letter.

- **Original or firsthand data:** The “raw data” used to create your hypothesis and provide evidence to prove it.
- **The main source your paper focuses on, such as a novel, an experiment, an artifact, speech, interview or historical document.**
- **You must interpret this source!**

### SECONDARY SOURCES:
Ex: For a paper on The Scarlet Letter: articles by qualified researches that interpret this novel and its literary techniques.

- **Research reports that use primary data to solve research problems and are interpreted, studied, or reported on by scholars and professionals in the field.**
- **(Not Wikipedia) Articles from databases, critical essays etc.**
- **You use these to support your own interpretation, either by agreeing with or disputing them.**

### POPULAR SOURCES:
Ex: A New York Times article.

- **Google, YouTube, Pinterest, Blogs, Podcasts etc.**
- **Since these are usually found in an internet search these sources have serious limitations as research for a scholarly paper.**
- **These are broadly related to your topic and are appropriate to review to familiarize yourself with your topic, but are not credible sources. You must analyze this source.**

### SCHOLARLY SOURCES:
Ex: A research paper presented at an academic conference.

- **Can be found through your university library: stacks, catalogue, databases, interlibrary loan (ILL):**
  [http://library.ccsu.edu/find/index.php](http://library.ccsu.edu/find/index.php)
- **Outside of your university library use the library of congress, local and state public libraries or interview public officials and experts writing in their field.**
- **Must be peer-reviewed and published by a professional organization, such as the American Anthropological Association.**

### Resources:
CCSU Elihu Burritt Library: [http://library.ccsu.edu/](http://library.ccsu.edu/)
Purdue Online Writing Lab: [http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/section/2/8/](http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/section/2/8/)

*The Craft of Research* by Wayne C. Booth, Gregory G. Colomb, and Joseph M. Williams.