

Secondary Materials

Introduction: Secondary materials are also referred to as secondary sources. These are given details about an event, period, or issue after the issue or event has taken place.

Did you know that secondary sources provide 'information' and not 'data'. This is because data refers to raw, untampered evidence. Secondary sources are interpreted and often times manipulated?

Collecting information is an important part of any research. However, often times the problem being investigated has been explored by other researchers. It is always good to review the works of others so that at the end of the research a critical comparison can be made and the generation of new knowledge highlighted.

The video below concisely defines secondary sources and provide examples. It also compares primary and secondary sources.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cqXHO7bTPnw&feature=emb_logo

Read slides 13-15 of the SlideShare presentations for the advantages and disadvantages of using secondary sources in research.

<https://www.slideshare.net/manukumarkm/source-of-data-in-research?ref=https://notesmaster.com/en/group/caribbean/1556-cape-covid19-support/25328-method-of-enquiry-secondary-materials>