

## **SOCIAL STUDIES SKILLS**

## **What are Social Studies Skills?**

Social Studies Skills are those skills that help a student better understand the world around him or her. Some examples of useful Social Studies Skills are:

- Understanding Map Skills
- Understanding Primary and Secondary Sources
- Understanding Different Points of View







## **Primary and Secondary Sources**

**Firsthand accounts** from the time the event takes place are called primary sources. One example of a primary source is a speech written in a famous person's handwriting. Another example of a primary source is a **journal** entry. An **autobiography** is the story of a person's life written by the person himself. An autobiography is also an example of a primary source. Facts from primary sources are put together to create a **secondary source**. One example of a secondary source is a Social Studies textbook.



