Primary and Secondary Sources

___ If a source is considered primary for one research project, it will always be considered primary for all other research projects.

A. True  
B. False

___ Which type of source usually is viewed as analysis or interpretation?

A. Primary  
B. Secondary

___ For a paper analyzing the rhetorical style of political speeches, which of the following would be considered a primary source?

A. A newspaper article reporting reactions to the president’s State of the Union address.  
B. A webpage that lists the dates of all of Senator McCain’s public speaking appearances for 2009.  
C. The transcript of a speech given by Hillary Clinton during her presidential campaign.  
D. An article describing results of a study of the effects of rhetorical style on audiences.

___ For a paper studying the impact of forest management on wildlife populations, which of the following would be considered a secondary source?

A. A magazine article with interviews of anti-logging activists describing their wildlife observations.  
B. Statistics that describe the percentage of forest logging in a given area.  
C. Data describing population numbers of the spotted owl.  
D. A page on the forest service’s website which maps land-ownership in a given area.