Using Sources
Unpacking a Well-Researched Article
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Examine the sources in “The `Chief Illiniwek’ Half-Time Show” on p. 8 of the Race issue... (or use this form to examine the sources of any article.)

1. The author of this piece, Demetrius Wade, did research to write this article. Where can you find the list of sources he used? _____________________________________________________

2. How many sources does he list? ___________

3. Read through the article again and list the topics he researched:
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4. Look up one of his sources. Name it here: ________________________________________
   Notice which information from the source the author chose to integrate into his article. Highlight it in the text of the article. Discuss how the author used the information from this source to bolster his argument.
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5. What is your assessment of the author’s sources? Do they make his piece stronger? If so, how? If not, why not?

Note. Here is a list of the full links to all the sources:
<councilofchiefs.org/history>, <thegrio.com/2013/10/30/a-brief-history-of-blackface-just-in-time-for-halloween>,