

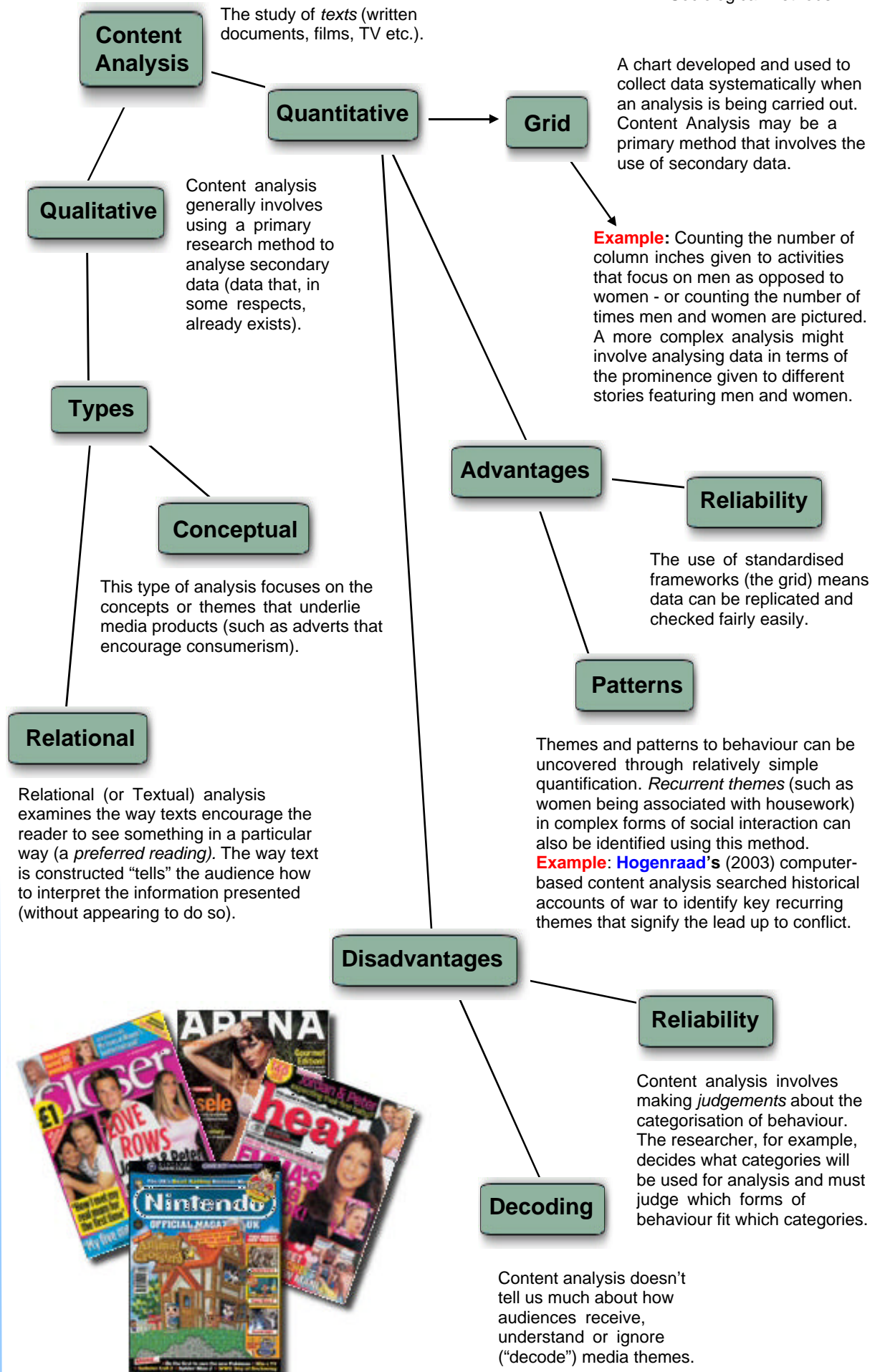
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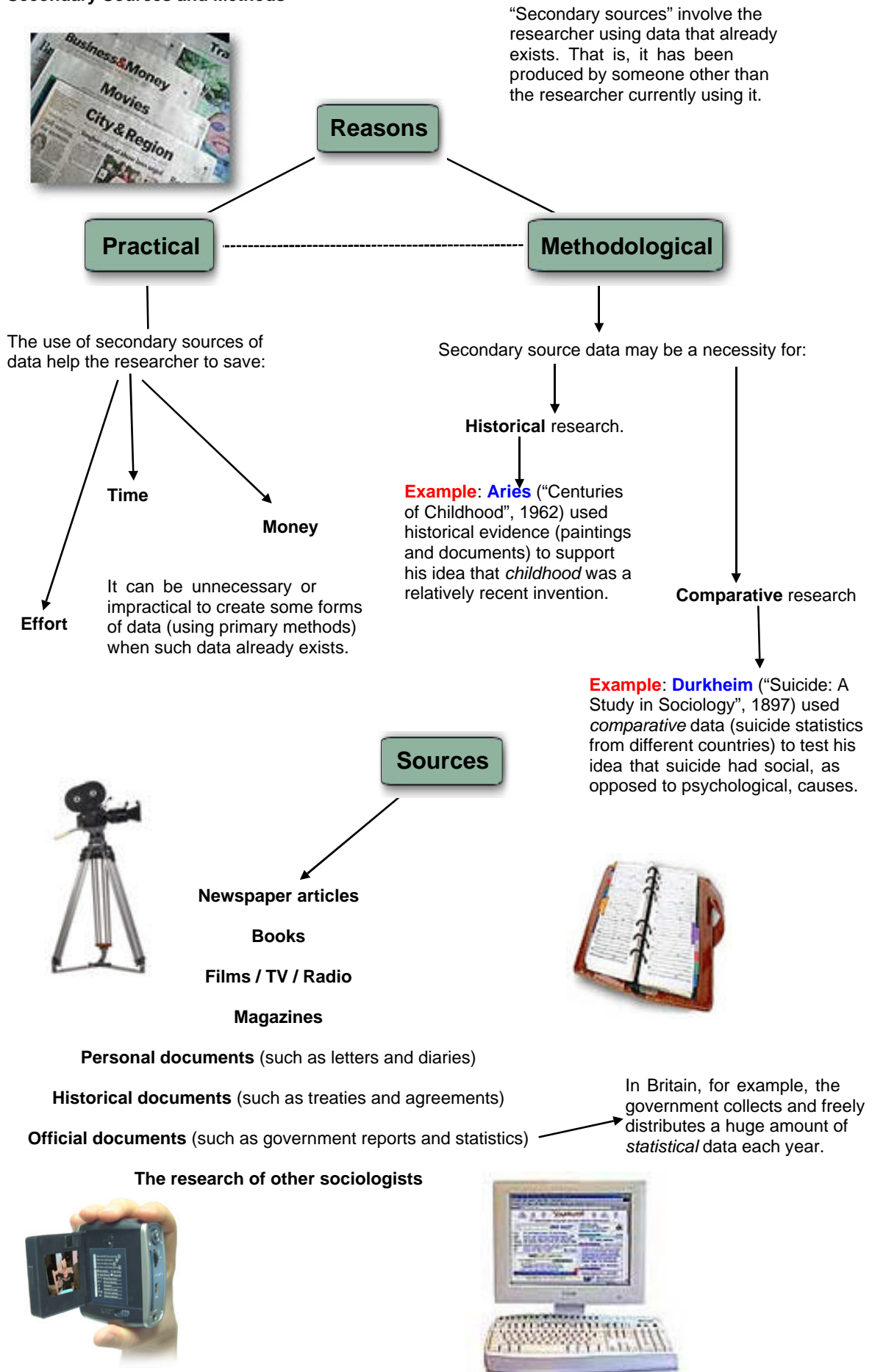
**Sociological
Methods**

**The different quantitative and qualitative methods
and sources of data, including questionnaires,
interviews, observation techniques and
experiments, and documents and official statistics.**

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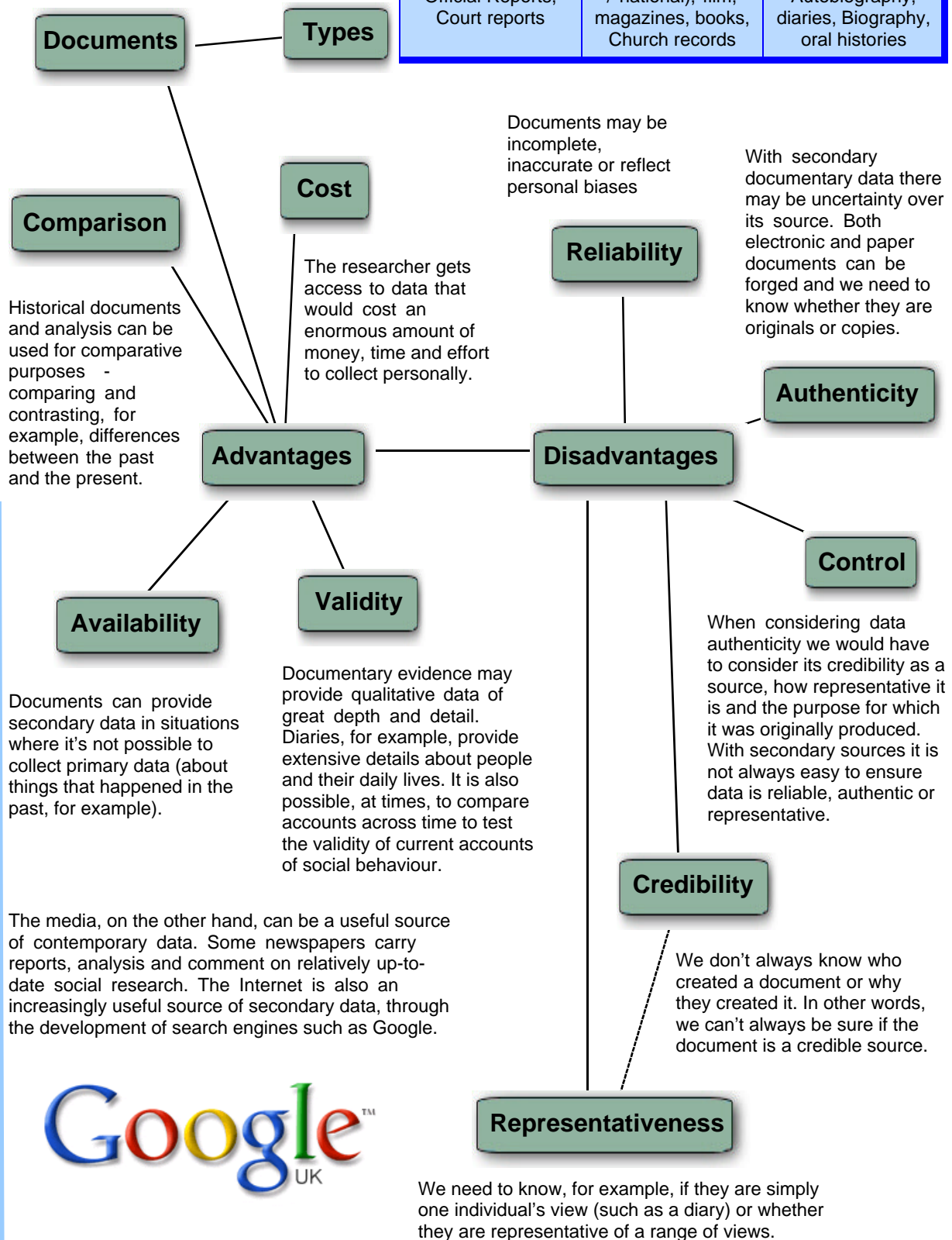


Secondary Sources and Methods



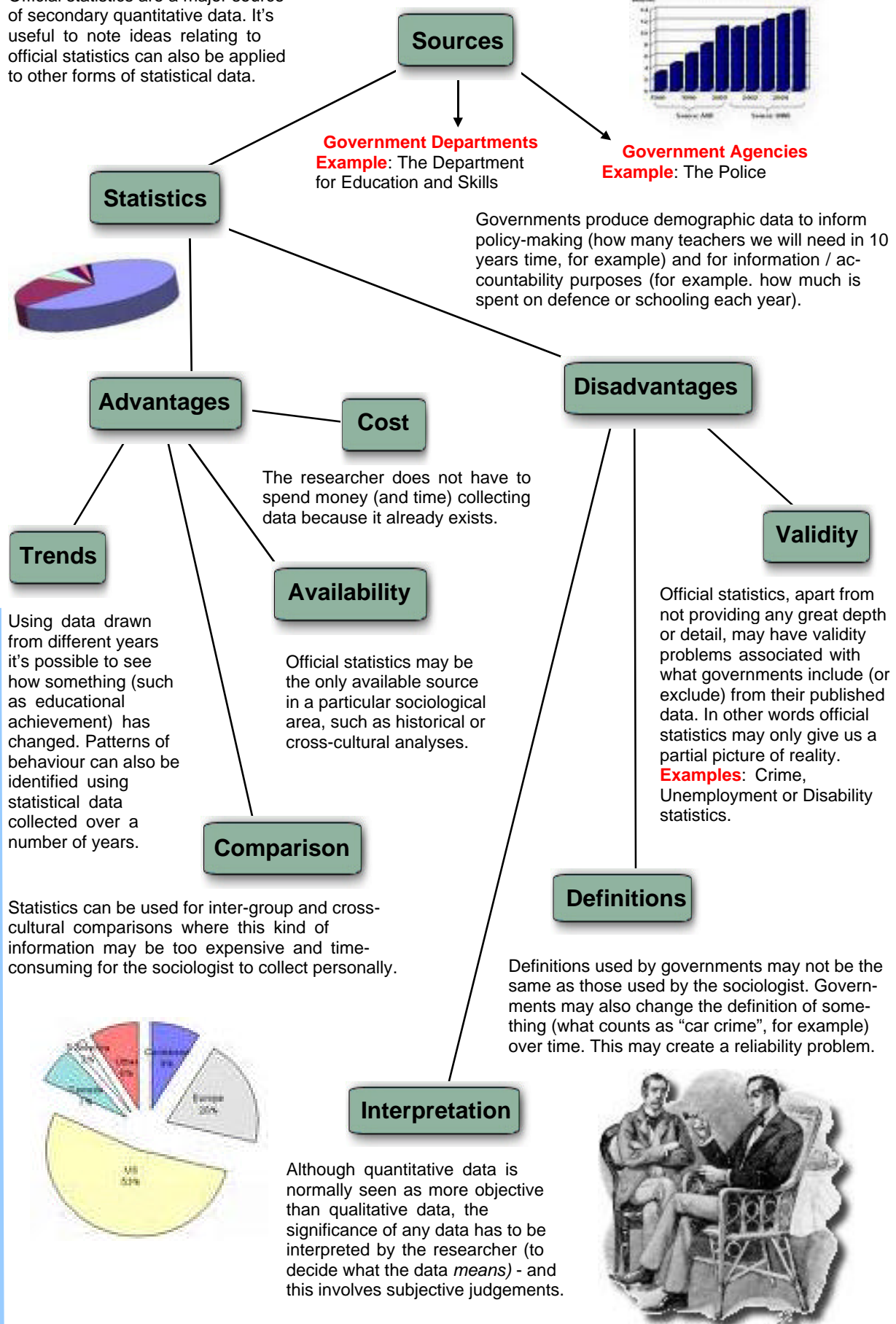
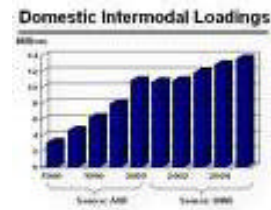
Documents can, for our purpose, have two levels of meaning - a literal meaning (what they actually say) and a metaphorical meaning (what they tell us about the hopes, fears, beliefs and so forth of whoever produced the document).

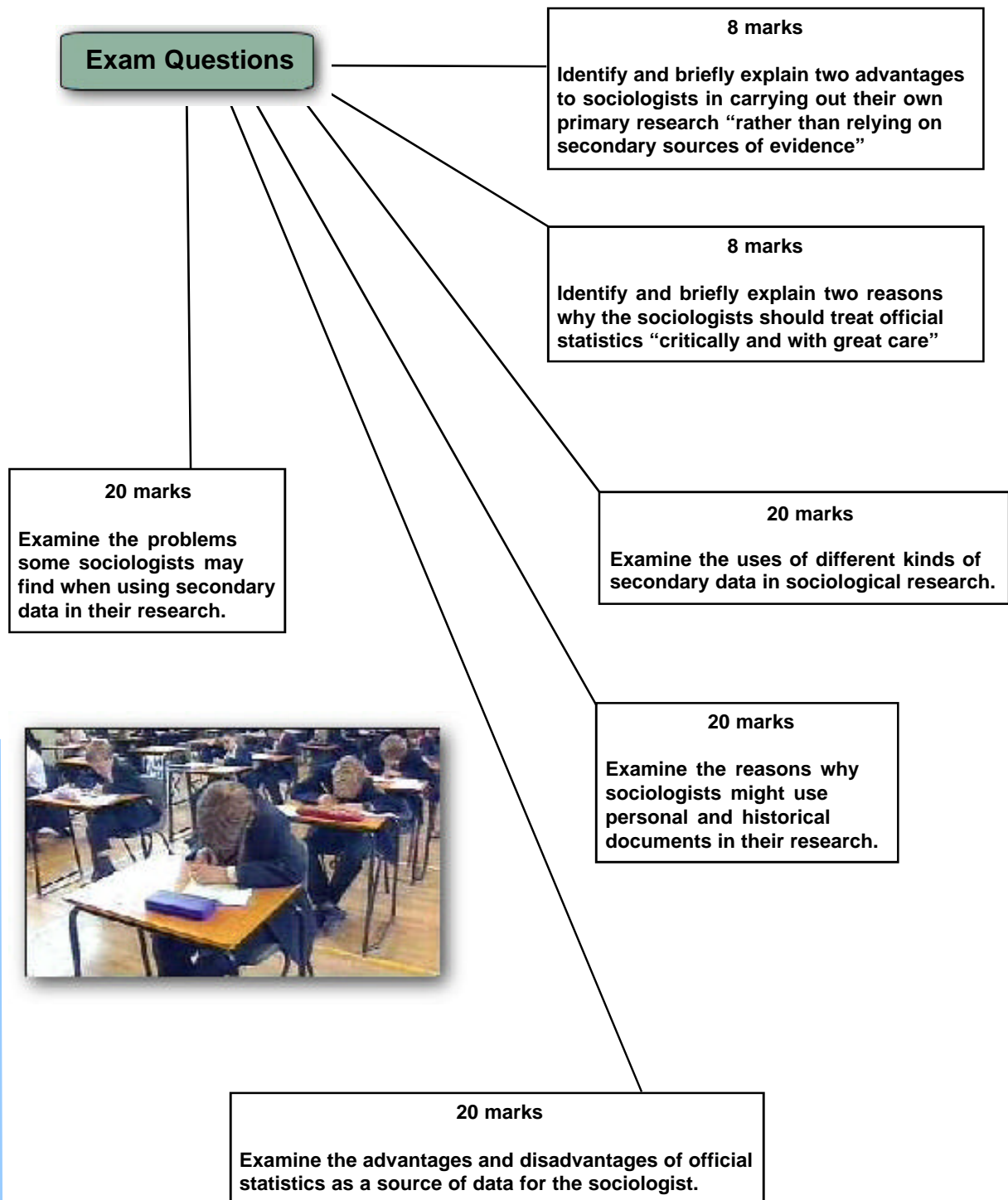
Official	Organisational	Individual
Government agencies and departments	Private companies and organisations	Personal documents
Official Reports, Court reports	Newspapers (local / national), film, magazines, books, Church records	Letters, Autobiography, diaries, Biography, oral histories



Official statistics are a major source of secondary quantitative data. It's useful to note ideas relating to official statistics can also be applied to other forms of statistical data.

Two main sources of official statistical data in Britain.





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