

PRIMARY SOURCE ANALYSIS WORKSHEET

Name _____ Date _____ Source _____

1 IDENTIFY the source

WHAT is the nature of the source?

WHO created this source, and what do I know about him/her/them?

WHEN was the source produced?

WHERE was the source produced?

2 CONTEXTUALIZE the source

What do you know about the **HISTORICAL CONTEXT** for this source?

What do I know about how the **CREATOR** of this source fits into that historical context?

WHY did the person who created the source do so?

3 EXPLORE the source

What **FACTUAL INFORMATION** is conveyed in this source?

What **OPINIONS** are related in this source?

What is **IMPLIED** or conveyed unintentionally in the source?

What is **NOT SAID** in this source?

What is **SURPRISING** or **INTERESTING** about the source?

What do I **NOT UNDERSTAND** in this source?

4 ANALYZE the source

How does the creator of the source **CONVEY INFORMATION** and **MAKE HIS OR HER POINT**?

How is the world described in the source **DIFFERENT FROM MY WORLD**?

How might **OTHERS AT THE TIME** have reacted to this source?

5 EVALUATE the source

How does this source compare to **OTHER PRIMARY SOURCES**?

How does this source compare to **SECONDARY SOURCE ACCOUNTS**?

What do you **BELIEVE** and **DISBELIEVE** from this source?

What do you **STILL NOT KNOW** — and where can you find that information?