

Primary Source

Document Analysis

Read the document through one time, and then use the following questions to analyze the document. Cite evidence, from the document or from other sources, to support your answers.

- Date(s) of the document
- What do you know about this time period/What is the historical context?
- Author/creator of document
- What do you know about the background of the author?
- What can you infer about the author?
- Does the author have a particular point of view, bias or perspective based on his/her background?
- What is the topic/issue of the document?
- What is the author's thesis, main idea or basic assumption?
- What audience was the document created for?
- How does its intended audience affect the reliability of the document?
- What was the author's purpose/agenda in creating this document?
- What are 3 important points made by the author?
- What items in this document tell you about life at the time it was written?
- What does the existence of this document say about whoever created it?
- How are the ideas different or similar to our age?
- Does this document show bias? How does it show bias?
- Can you believe this document? Why or why not?
- Does the document conflict or agree with other things you have read or know about the topic?