

Analyzing Primary Source Documents

To help you understand their meaning, answer the following questions when you read documents written many years ago.

1. What type of document is this?
2. Who wrote this document?
3. When and where was this document written?
4. Who is the audience for this document?
5. What was the purpose of this document?
6. List two things the author said that you think are important in making his point.

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