

# PRIMARY SOURCE ANALYSIS

**Title of Source:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Type of Primary Source:** \_\_\_\_\_

<b>CONTENT &amp; CONTEXT</b>	<b>Who is the author of the primary source? What do you know about the author that may shape his/her perspective?</b>
	<b>Who is the intended audience of the primary source?</b>
	<b>Where and when was the primary source published or created?</b>
	<b>Describe the historical context. What was happening during this event or time period?</b>

<b>OBSERVE</b>	<b>EXPLAIN</b>	<b>INFER</b>	<b>WONDER</b>
<b>DESCRIPTION OF SOURCE:</b> <i>What do you observe? Consider the images, people, objects, activities, actions, words, phrases, facts, and numbers.</i>	<b>MEANING:</b> <i>What is the meaning of the objects, words, symbols, etc.?</i>	<b>MESSAGE/ARGUMENT:</b> <i>What sentiment (attitude or feeling) do you think the author is trying to convey through the source? What, based on the source, can you infer about the historical event or time period?</i>	<b>QUESTIONS:</b> <i>What about the source makes you curious? What questions still remain? What additional information would you need to know in order to deepen your understanding of the ideas expressed in the source?</i>