

Primary Document Analysis Worksheet

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Date:

A primary source provides a firsthand account of events recorded during or shortly after the events described occurred. Primary sources can include newspaper articles, government documents, diaries, photographs, and maps.

Instructions: Examine your primary document. Remember to consider all aspects of the document, including the motivations of the author and the historical context in which it was created.

What kind of document is it? (diary, newspaper, letter, etc.)

Who created it? What do we know about the author?

When was it created?

Where was it created?

Why do you think it was created?

Does the document's author show bias at any point? Where? Cite specific passages.

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Who was the intended audience for this document?

What do we know about that audience?

How does this document make you feel?

List three things you learned from the document:

List three questions the document raises:

Where might you find the answers to these questions?