

THE 6 C'S of PRIMARY SOURCE ANALYSIS

CONTENT

Main Idea

Describe in detail what you see and read.

CITATION

Author/Creator

Consider who created the source and what you know about this person. When was this created? What type of source is it?

CONTEXT

What is going on in the world, the country, the region, or the locality when this was created?

CONNECTIONS

Prior Knowledge

*Link the primary source to other things that you already know or have learned about.
How does the source relate to what you are studying?*

COMMUNICATION

Perspective

*What is the purpose of the source?
Who is the intended audience?*

CONCLUSIONS

How can we use the source to answer our inquiry question?

What questions do you have about this source?

What other source might you need to better answer your inquiry question?