Primary Source Analysis Worksheet

• Document Title ________________________________________________________________

• Type of Document (Check One):
  _____ Newspaper  _____ Map  _____ Advertisement
  _____ Letter  _____ Congressional Record  _____ Telegram
  _____ Speech  _____ Press Release  _____ Census Report
  _____ Book  _____ Report  _____ Other

• Date of the Document _________________________________

• Author or Creator of the Document ____________________________
  Background of the Author: (position, nationality, gender, occupation, social class, religion, etc.)
  ___________________________________________________________________________

• For what audience was the document written? _________________________________

• Document Information:
  In your own words, list 3 main ideas from the document. Cite a quote from the document that illustrates each main idea.

  1. __________________________________________________________________________

  2. __________________________________________________________________________

  3. __________________________________________________________________________

  Why was the document written?
  __________________________________________________________________________

  List 3 things the document informs the reader about life in the nation/region at the time it was written.

  1. __________________________________________________________________________

  2. __________________________________________________________________________

  3. __________________________________________________________________________

  Is the document a credible source of information? Explain.
  __________________________________________________________________________

  Name the most memorable or powerful quote from the document. Why were these words chosen?
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