

# Primary Source

Identify the **core information** about the source before you begin your deep analysis.

## Source

What is the source about?

## Type of Source

What type of source is this?

## Citation Information

Where did this source come from?

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Describe the **source literally** (what you see or read) **before** making any **interpretations**.

## Summary of Content

In 1-2 sentences, summarize the source's main topic or message:

## Key Details

List 3-5 important words, objects, symbols, or phrases:

## Context Clues

Based only on the source itself, what can you infer about the time period or event?

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Dig **deeper** into the **meaning** and **intent** of the source.

## Author's Purpose

Why did the creator create this source?  
What was their goal? (e.g. to persuade, to record history, to criticize, to inform):

## Tone/Perspective

Describe the creator's attitude toward the subject (e.g. formal, critical, celebratory, fearful, biased):

## Argument/Message

What is the specific argument or central point the creator is trying to make? Cite a piece of evidence from the source to support your answer:

## Historical Context

How does the time and place the source was created influence its message? (What was happening in the world at that time?)

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Evaluate the source as a **historical tool**.

## Bias Check

Does the source show bias?  
How might this affect the  
information?

## Usefulness

How useful is this source for  
understanding the topic?  
Explain your answer:

## Questions Raised

What questions does this  
source raise?  
What information is  
missing?