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A Primary Source Analysis Framework

Use the following framework to “source” your document. This analysis helps you think as a historian to analyze the value/utility of the source and understand its limitations.

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Type of Document			
	Framework	Guiding Questions	Assessment/Notes
C	Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What events or trends surround this document’s creation?• What was going on in the U.S.? Around the globe?	
O	Origin	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Who is the author/speaker? What do we know about him/her and their background?• What is the author’s purpose in creating/presenting this document?	
M	Meaning/Message	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What was the main message of this document? What does the author/speaker mean to communicate?	
E	Eyes and Ears	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Who is the audience this is directed at?• What characteristics do they have?• Where was this delivered to its audience?	
T	Tone	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What is the tone, mood, emotions, or feelings that are associated with this document?	

