Analyzing a Document

Identifying the Document

- 1. Author or Source:
- 2. Title:
- 3. Date Published:
- 4. Type of Document:
- 5. Proper Bibliographic Citation:

Putting the Document in Context

- 6. Suggest two or three appropriate titles for this primary source:
- 7. Describe the purpose of the document or its intended audience. Why was it written?
- 8. Select some direct quotes from the document that help explain its purpose:
- 9. Where would you look for additional documents of this type?

Using the Document

- 10. List the most important pieces of information conveyed by the document:
- 11. What questions does the document suggest?

Evaluating the Document

- 12. Is the document reliable? List any errors or misleading statements.
- 13. Make a statement about how useful this document is for your particular interests.

