

Analyzing a Secondary Source

1. Identify the source and author:
 - a. Who is the author and what are their credentials?
 - b. Who is the audience?
 - c. Give the full citation.

2. Check it out!
 - a. Check out the table of contents:
 - i. Are there chapters that might relate to your topic?

 - b. Check out the index:
 - i. Who are the key people?
 - ii. What are the key events?
 - iii. What are the key subjects?

 - c. Check out the citations:
 - i. Are they based on primary sources or mostly other secondary sources?
 - ii. Name one primary source collection the historian uses:
 - iii. Name one primary source and one secondary source used that might help your research:

