

THE 6 C'S of PRIMARY SOURCE ANALYSIS

CONTENT

Main Idea
Describe in detail what you see.

CITATION

Author/Creator
Who was this created?

CONTEXT

What is going on in the world, the country, the region,
or the locality when this was created?

CONNECTIONS

Prior Knowledge
*Link the primary source to other things that you already know
or have learned about.*

COMMUNICATION

Point-of-view or bias
Is this source reliable?

CONCLUSIONS

How does the primary source contribute to our
understanding of history?

What questions do you have about this source?
What other source might you need to gain a deeper understandings of
the topic?