

# THE 6 C'S of PRIMARY SOURCE ANALYSIS

## CONTENT

### Main Idea

*Describe in detail what you see and read.*

## CITATION

### Author/Creator

*Consider who created the source and what you know about this person. When was this created? What type of source is it?*

## 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.  
How does the source relate to what you are studying?*

## COMMUNICATION

### Perspective

*What is the purpose of the source?  
Who is the intended audience?*

## CONCLUSIONS

*How can we use the source to answer our inquiry question?*

What questions do you have about this source?

What other source might you need to better answer your inquiry question?