

THE BEST OF THE HUMANITIES ON THE WEB

Secondary Source Analysis Worksheet

Source citation	
(including at a minimum: author,	
title, date, and	
place of	
publication) About the author:	
What do you know	
about the author?	
Reliability: Does	
the source seem	
reliable? Why or why not?	
Reading notes: As	
you read, take	
notes about	
information that is	
pertinent to your	
project, that leaves you with questions,	
or to which you	
want to return	
later. Record page	
numbers for key	
points and quotes. (You may need	
additional space.)	
Source argument:	
What is the main	
argument or claim	
made by the source? How does	
the author make	
this argument?	
What kinds of	
evidence do they	
use?	
Reflection: Do you find the source's	
argument	
convincing? What	
questions do you	
have after reading? How does this	
compare to other	
sources you have	
read?	