

THE 6 Cs of PRIMARY SOURCE ANALYSIS

CONTENT

Describe in detail what you see (the main idea)

CITATION

(Author/Creator)
When was this created? By whom?

CONTEXT

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

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What questions do you have about this source?

COMMUNICATION

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

What other source might you need to gain
a deeper understandings of the topic?

CONCLUSIONS

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

CONNECTIONS

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