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## DOCUMENT ANALYSIS QUESTIONS

**Directions:** Answer as many of the questions below as you can to analyze any primary document, whether a newspaper article, letter, diary entry, map, advertisement or anything else.

**WHO?** Who created this document? Who, if different than the creator, is the speaker or narrator? Whom, if anyone, is quoted in it? Who is the intended audience?

**WHEN and WHERE?** When and where was the document originally created? What, if anything, do you know about the circumstances under which it was created?

**WHAT?** In your own words, what does this document say? What do you think are the most important points in it? What did you learn from it?

**HOW?** How does the creator of this document get his or her message or ideas across? How would you describe the language and tone of the document?

**WHY?** Why do you think the document was originally created? Why do you think many consider it important?

**YOUR QUESTIONS:** Now that you've read and written about this document, what questions do you still have?

