

# THE 6 C'S of PRIMARY SOURCE ANALYSIS

## CONTENT

Main Idea  
Describe in detail what you see.

## CITATION

Author/Creator  
When 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?