Primary Source Analysis

Your name:

Date:

The basics:

1. Who wrote this source? When? How do we know?
2. Who was the original the intended audience?
3. What were the author’s goals or purposes in writing?

About the document:

1. What can we learn from this source? What information does it contain?
2. What the context for its production (the circumstances, place, time, etc..)? Why does this matter?

Analysis:

1. What questions can I ask (or answer) using this source? What topics or concerns does it speak to? What kinds of arguments might it support or be used to further?
2. What questions does it not answer? What am I still wondering about?