**Primary Source Reading Sheet\***

What type of document or item is this source? (memorandum, advertisement, map, photograph, poster, census report, letter, press release, etc.)

When was this source produced?

Who wrote or created this source?

What was his/her background and relationship with the subject that the source discusses, describes, etc.?

What were the major social/political/economic issues and changes of that time that might relate to this source and help me understand it?

What do you think are the three most important things said/portrayed in this source?

Who was the intended audience for this source?

For what purpose or under what circumstances was this source produced? What do you think the author sought to accomplish with this document? What message did s/he seek to convey?

What is confusing, strange, or unexpected about this source? Why is it confusing, strange, or unexpected? Does that tell you anything about the source, or the time period, event, and/or topic?

How does this source support, challenge, or complicate other things you know about this time period, event, and/or topic?

\*Form adapted from Dr. Sarah Potter