

DOCUMENT ANALYSIS

“SOURCING THE DOCUMENTS”

H.I.P.P.

H = Historical Context

- Where and When was the source created?
 - What was going on at the time?
 - What has just happened?
- Is the document (or stimuli) a reaction to some event?
 - How does this source represent the period?

I = Intended Audience

- To whom is the stimuli directed?
- One person, a small group, a large group?
- A certain person or certain people?
- How might this affect the reliability or accuracy of the source?

P = Purpose

- Why was the source produced?
- What was the author trying to accomplish?
 - Did he/she have ulterior motives?

P = Point of View

- What is the main idea of the source?
- What point is the author trying to make?
- How does the author’s background or position impact the message?
- What are the possible connections between the source and the author’s race, class, gender, age, occupation?