



## Document Analysis Worksheet

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[http://www.archives.gov/digital\\_classroom/lessons/analysis\\_worksheets/document.html](http://www.archives.gov/digital_classroom/lessons/analysis_worksheets/document.html)  
In conjunction with Bringing History Home (<http://www.bringinghistoryhome.org>)

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Carefully examine the historical document presented to you. Then complete the analysis worksheet below.

#### A. Type of document (Check one):

|                   |                          |                      |                          |
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| Newspaper article | <input type="checkbox"/> | Report               | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Magazine article  | <input type="checkbox"/> | Congressional Record | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Press Release     | <input type="checkbox"/> | Census Report        | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Internet Article  | <input type="checkbox"/> | Map                  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Memorandum        | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other (Explain)      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Announcement      | <input type="checkbox"/> |                      | <input type="checkbox"/> |

B. Date \_\_\_\_\_ Author and Position \_\_\_\_\_

C. Complete the chart below with people, places, objects, and events noted in the document:

| People | Places | Objects | Events |
|--------|--------|---------|--------|
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**D. For what audience was the document written?**

**E. List three things the author said that you think are especially important?**

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| ❖ |
| ❖ |

**F. Why was the article written? What evidence from the document supports your answer?**

**G. Do you find any evidence of the author's opinions or beliefs?**

**H. List three things this document tells you about life in the United States at the time it was written?**

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**I. Write at least one question to the author that the article or document leaves unanswered.**

