

Document Analysis Guide

1. What kind of document is this? How do you know?
(a letter, an ad, a receipt, a government document, a diary, or journal entry?)
2. When was it written? Is there a date or other information that indicates this?
3. Who wrote or created the document? How can you tell?
4. For whom was the document written or created? How can you tell?
5. Where was the document written or created? How can you tell?
6. Why was the document written? Cite the evidence indicating its purpose.
7. Does the document reveal the writer's mood?
(does it convey anger, happiness, regret, surprise?)
8. Does the document provide any clues about the relationship between the writer and the audience?

9. List three things the author said that you think are important:

1.

2.

3.

10. List two things the document tells you about life in the United States at the time it was written:

1.

2.

11. Write a question to the author that is left unanswered by the document: