

Analysing History

Name: _____

Analysing a historical source can be done in steps. Fill out the following information about your historical source.

I. Context

Answer the following questions:

Who is the author/creator? _____

When was it created? _____

Where was it created and/or used? _____

What was its purpose? _____

Is it unusual or an outlier in some way? _____

II. Perspectives

Look at the perspectives by considering:

What is the historical context? _____

Does the source have an agenda or bias? _____

III. Use

How will you use this source? _____

Is the source reliable? Why/why not? _____

Does it back up or challenge other sources? How? _____

What part of your inquiry does it support? _____
