

SOAPSTone Primary Source “Think” Sheet

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<p><i>Think about the occupation, gender, religion, nationality, and class of the creator of the document.</i></p> <p>Who created the document? How do you know?</p> <p>What position or title did he or she hold? Is this person an insider or an outsider? How do you know?</p> <p>Whose voice is not represented in the document? Why do you think that voice was left out?</p> <p>When was the document created or circulated?</p>	<p>What type of document is it?</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Poster</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Letter</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Advertisement</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Drawing</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Diary entry</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Leaflet</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Map</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Memorandum</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Flyer</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Photograph</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Legal record</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3"><input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</td> </tr> </table> <p>What are the unique physical qualities?</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Handwritten</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Typed</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Signature</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Picture, symbol</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Seal(s)</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Notations</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Letterhead</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Stamps</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Caption</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3"><input type="checkbox"/> Official stamp: i.e., date, “RECEIVED,” “PAID”</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3"><input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</td> </tr> </table> <p><i>Support each answer with document evidence:</i></p> <p>Who was the intended audience?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper	<input type="checkbox"/> Poster	<input type="checkbox"/> Letter	<input type="checkbox"/> Advertisement	<input type="checkbox"/> Drawing	<input type="checkbox"/> Diary entry	<input type="checkbox"/> Leaflet	<input type="checkbox"/> Map	<input type="checkbox"/> Memorandum	<input type="checkbox"/> Flyer	<input type="checkbox"/> Photograph	<input type="checkbox"/> Legal record	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____			<input type="checkbox"/> Handwritten	<input type="checkbox"/> Typed	<input type="checkbox"/> Signature	<input type="checkbox"/> Picture, symbol	<input type="checkbox"/> Seal(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Notations	<input type="checkbox"/> Letterhead	<input type="checkbox"/> Stamps	<input type="checkbox"/> Caption	<input type="checkbox"/> Official stamp: i.e., date, “RECEIVED,” “PAID”			<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____		
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<p>Why do you think this document was created? What specific evidence in the document helps you know why it was created?</p> <p>What does the document convey about life in the world at the time it was created?</p> <p>What questions does the document raise?</p>	<p><i>Think about the information the document conveys. Form an overall impression and then examine individual items or specific parts:</i></p> <p>What is the general topic?</p> <p>What are three things the author said that you think are important?</p>																														
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<p>Attitude of the creator: <i>Is the tone light-hearted or deadly serious? Mischievous or ironic? How does the tone give evidence of the authors true point of view?</i></p>																															