



Creative Approaches to Analyzing Primary Sources

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Academic Vocabulary

Provide a description, an explanation, and an example



Key steps for analyzing primary sources

- 1. Observe**
- 2. Contextualize**
- 3. Identify**
- 4. Source Creator**
- 5. Purpose and Audience**



Question Trail

Can be used to ask questions about one document or several related primary sources

Needs to be in a multiple-choice format (4 choices)

Students can start at any number and continue till all 10 questions are answered

A wrong answer will send them back to a question previously answered and they must determine where they answered incorrectly

Empathy Maps

are a single individual's perspective. They capture a moment in the individual's life. Empathy maps are interested in what the individual is thinking, seeing, saying, feeling, or hearing at that moment.



**1908.
glass
workers,
midnight
Indiana**

**“Migrant
Mother”
1936
California**





Looking for Details



Norman Rockwell: Rosie the Riveter

**Saturday Evening Post
May 29, 1943**



Scavenger Hunt

Analyzing and applying



**Lesson plan for
Constitution
Scavenger Hunt
found at:**

**National
Archives**

Great resource for Scavenger Hunts

Library of Congress

Pre-made primary
source sets



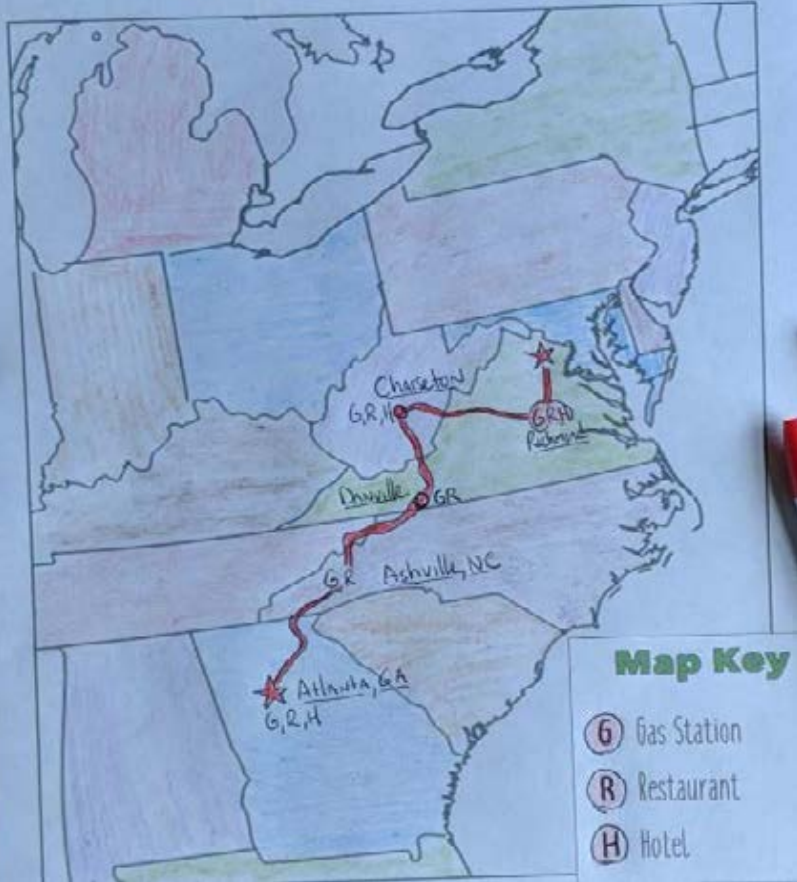
Mapping the past: The Green Book



The New York Library

**Have your students use
a Green Book to map a
two-day trip, looking
for gas stations,
restaurants and places
to stay.**

Green Book Road Trip



Green Book Map

Why do you think the Green Book was printed?

How did this affect travel for African Americans?



Spy Dilemma

Truman Library



Using Hexagonal Thinking to Analyze a Primary Document

H.O.T. Thinking Activity

Making Connections

Choose a primary source that has many concepts or multiple images.

Using a hexagonal template, write each concept on a separate hexagon.

The object is for your students to create **direct connections – how do the concepts/terms interconnect?**

The object is **NOT to create a soccer ball!**

Next, have your students write how any three of their connections are interrelated being very specific on how they relate.





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