

NAVA Strategy for Analyzing Primary Sources (Noun, Adjective, Verb, Adverb)

Background Information and Steps

Often, if we are asked to analyze an image, it's difficult. This method helps you break down what you see in a picture and make sense of it.

N: For the N, write down all the nouns you can from the picture. **Remember that a noun names a person, place, thing or idea.**

A: For this A, write down all the adjectives you can find in the picture. **Remember that an adjective describes a noun.**

V: For the V, write down all the verbs you can find in the picture. **Remember that a verb is an action or state of being.**

A: For this A, write down all the adverbs you can find in the picture. **Remember that adverbs describe verbs, and usually end in -ly.**

Exercise 1

Take a moment to look at the image... what nouns, adjectives, verbs and adverbs do you see?



For the image above, create a list of all the things you see (nouns, etc.)

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- Use your NAVA word list to create 5 sentences that describe the image.

- Additional question: what would you title this image? Why?

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Exercise 2: *American Progress* by John Gast (Click on the image for a link to a clearer, bigger copy). Take a look at the picture. What things do you see?



John Gast, American Progress, 1872.
Chromolithograph published by George A. Crofutt.
Source: Prints and Photographs Division, Library of Congress.

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