

SOURCES Framework

Essential Question:

Directions: While analyzing your document(s), answer the questions below with rich reflection.

S	Scrutinize the Fundamental Sources(s)	Where does the source originate? Who wrote it? When was it written? What events could have influenced this source? What are your impressions of this source? Is it reliable? Why or why not?	
O	Organize Thoughts	What else do you need to know to fully understand the source? What other sources do you wish you had? What additional content do you need to know?	
U	Understand the Context	What is happening at the time when the source was constructed? Where is the location for the origin of the source? What is happening there at the time of construction? Put the source in its proper context.	
R	Read Between the Lines	What inferences about the source can you make that are not evident? Was there a specific reason for why the source was created that was not explicitly stated? Might the real audience have been someone other than the one stated?	
C	Corroborate and Refute	Look at other sources about the topic. How are they similar? How are they different? Do they show agreement with the FUNDAMENTAL SOURCE?	
E	Establish a Plausible Narrative	Using all the evidence from the sources you examined, what are your thoughts about the ESSENTIAL QUESTION? What have you learned up to this point in time? Create a narrative or story about what you know, based on the evidence. Remember to cite your sources.	
S	Summarize Final Thoughts	What questions do you still have? What else do you want to know? Do you still need additional sources to more fully answer the ESSENTIAL QUESTION?	