AP US History: Primary Source Analysis

**A**uthor  
Who created the source? What do you know about the author? What is the author's point of view?   
  
**P**lace and time   
Where and when was the source produced? How might this affect the meaning of the source?   
  
**P**rior knowledge  
Beyond information about the author, and the context of the document's creation, what do you know that would help you further understand the primary source? For example, do you recognize any symbols and recall what they represent?   
  
**A**udience  
For whom was the source created and how might this affect the reliability of the source?   
  
**R**eason  
Why was this source produced and how might this affect the reliability of the source?   
  
**T**he main idea  
What point is the source trying to convey?   
  
**S**ignificance  
Why is this source important? Ask yourself, "So what?" in relation to the question asked.