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.