

Newspaper

Five steps with guiding questions to help you understand and analyze the primary source

1 Identify the Source	What newspaper published this article? Who wrote it?
	When and where was this article published?
	Who do you think the readers were?
2 Place the Source in Context	What's the historical context of this article? What is the background or reason for it?
	What event or story is this article covering?
	What made this story newsworthy of publication in the newspaper?
3 Analyze the Source Content	Is this a news article or an editorial?
	What is the subject of the article?
	What is the story's primary point?
4 Assess the Source Perspective	If this is a news article, does it seem to be objective, or does it contain some bias or perspective?
	If this is an editorial or opinion piece, what perspective does the author have?
	If this is an editorial or opinion piece, how does the author try to motivate or convince the reader?
	Is the article's coverage thorough? Do you think anything was left out?
	How do you think readers reacted to the article?
5 Evaluate the Source	Do you think this document is an effective one?
	Why is this article important? Why was it important to the people who read it, and why is it important now for what it can tell us?
	What connections can you make from this article to politics, issues, culture and society, faith and religion, historical change over time, etc.?
	Does comparing this article with other sources, past or present, provide valuable insight?
	How can you tie this article into key themes, questions, controversies, and debates?