

Analyzing a document

Describing the document

Title or description:

Date:

Who created the document:

Where of how the document was published:

What type of document is it?

How would you describe the physical characteristics of the document?

(For example: handwritten, typed, letterhead, artwork or visuals, photographs, notes or other interesting characteristics)

Exploring the document

Why do you think this document was created?

What evidence can you find out from the document that tells you why it was created?

What can you find out from the document that tells you about people, events, and issues during the time period in which it was created?

What can you find out from the document that tells you about issues and attitudes during the time period in which it was created?

From what point of view has the creator of this document written it?

What attitudes or perspectives of the creator of this document can you identify?

Why is it important for you to know this?

Make a list of important information from the document

From your list, select three pieces of information that you think are most important

If you had the chance, what would you ask the person or people who created this document?