

Resource Sheet #08

**Evaluating/Interpreting Primary and Secondary Sources**

**TITLE OF SOURCE:** \_\_\_\_\_

<p><b><u>Summarizing/Interpreting</u></b> Read to understand the author's main idea. What point is the author is trying to make?</p>	<p><b><u>Type of Source:</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Author:</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Date:</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>Main Idea or Purpose:</u></b></p>
<p><b><u>Contextualizing</u></b> Examine the source in detail to Locate its place in time and history.</p>	<p><b>What might be important about the author and date of the source?</b></p>	<p><b><u>From what time period in history is this source?</u></b> <b><u>What was going on history at this time?</u></b></p>
<p><b><u>Inferring</u></b> What information can be implied or Concluded from the source?  Answers are not obvious.  Apply information to make an Educated guess.</p>	<p><b>Does the author have a positive or negative opinion/outlook in the source?</b></p>	<p><b><u>What seems to be important to the author/artist that is not specifically mentioned?</u></b></p>
<p><b><u>Monitoring</u></b> What questions do I have about my initial assumptions or interpretations or my current understanding?</p>		<p><b><u>Questions:</u></b></p>
<p><b><u>Reliability</u></b> Is this a reliable source of information? Do other sources support the information in this source? What biases might the author have that could influence their version of the event?</p>	<p><b>Yes or No</b></p>	<p><b><u>Explain why this source is or is not reliable:</u></b></p>