

## Sourcing--Historical Thinking Activity

**Sourcing** requires consideration of who wrote a document as well as the circumstances of its creation. You should always ask yourselves these questions whenever you encounter a source:

- Who wrote this?
- What is the author's perspective?
  - Why was it written?
  - When was it written?
  - Where was it written?
- Is this source reliable? Why? Why not?

<b>S</b>	<b>Speaker.</b> Who created the document? What can you infer about their perspective on the issue?	
<b>O</b>	<b>Occasion.</b> When was the document created? What circumstances led to the creation of the document?	
<b>A</b>	<b>Audience.</b> Who was the intended audience of the document?	
<b>P</b>	<b>Purpose.</b> Why was the document created?	
<b>S</b>	<b>Significance.</b> What is the historical significance of this document?	