SOURCE ANALYSIS WORKSHEET

1 IDENTIFY the source
   WHAT is the nature of the source?

   WHO created this source, and what do I know about him/her/them?

   WHEN was the source produced?

   WHERE was the source produced?

2 CONTEXTUALIZE the source
   What do you know about the HISTORICAL CONTEXT for this source?

   What do I know about how the CREATOR of this source fits into that historical context?

   WHY did the person who created the source do so?

3 EXPLORE the source
   What FACTUAL INFORMATION is conveyed in this source?

   What OPINIONS are related in this source?

   What is IMPLIED or conveyed unintentionally in the source?

   What is NOT SAID in this source?

   What is SURPRISING or INTERESTING about the source?

   What do I NOT UNDERSTAND in this source?

4. ANALYSE THE SOURCE
   How might others at the time have reacted to this source?

5. Evaluate the source
   How does this source compare to my own knowledge of the topic.
ANALYZE
How does the creator of the source CONVEY INFORMATION and MAKE HIS OR HER POINT?
How is the world described in the source DIFFERENT FROM MY WORLD?
How might OTHERS AT THE TIME have reacted to this source?

EVALUATE
How does this source compare to OTHER PRIMARY SOURCES?
How does this source compare to SECONDARY SOURCE ACCOUNTS?
What do you BELIEVE and DISBELIEVE from this source?
What do you STILL NOT KNOW — and where can you find that information?