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## A.P.P.A.R.T.S. Document Analysis

**Author** – Who is the author? What do you know about the author? What is the author's point of view (POV)?

**Place and Time** – Where and when was the source produced? How might this affect the meaning of the source?

**Prior knowledge:** Beyond information about the author and the context of its creation, what do you know that would help you further understand the primary source? For example, do you recognize any symbols and recall what they represent? What other historical events are connected to this?

**Audience** – Who is the intended audience? Who is being spoken to? How might this affect the reliability of the source?

**Reason** – What is the purpose? Why was this said/written? How might this affect the reliability of the source?

**The Main Idea**– Summarize the author's point. What point is the author trying to convey?

**Significance**–Why is this important? What impact did it have? Ask yourself "So what?" in relation to the question asked.