Worksheet for Analyzing Documents

Title of Primary Source Document:

Author:

Date:

1. Use one sentence to state the author’s thesis.

2. What is the author’s intent in creating this document? (Provide examples from the document to support your answer)

3. What does this document tell us about the values and beliefs of the person or persons that produced it?

4. What does this document tell us about the social and political climate of the particular period when it was produced?

5. Briefly explain your response to this document. How do the issues addressed in this document relate to our current social/political environment?

6. Write a question to the author that is left unanswered by the document.