Primary Source Analysis Worksheet

Directions: Complete the worksheet using the primary source provided. Respond using complete sentences.

Name of document: _____
Author(s): _____
Creation/Publication Date: _____

Question	Student Explanation
HISTORICAL CONTEXT What is the historical context of the document? Explain the background leading up to the creation of this document.	
INTENDED AUDIENCE Identify a person or group the author expects to inform or influence.	
PURPOSE Why did the author create the document?	
POINT OF VIEW Who is the author? How did the author's gender/race/economic status and events of the day impact their written perspective?	
OUTSIDE INFORMATION What have you learned about this topic that is not in the document? Explain how it relates to the source.	
SYNTHESIS Briefly explain the main points or ideas of the source.	
CREDIBILITY Is this a credible source? Explain.	

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