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World History: Document Analysis – SOAPS

Title of the primary source: _____

Type of primary source: _____
(painting, photograph, map, letter, autobiography, speech, newspaper article, video clip, piece of pottery...)

Subject — What does the source say? (Brief summary: general topic, content, and ideas) Why is this source important? What is its historical significance? What inferences can you draw from this document? Ask yourself, “So what?” in relation to the question asked.

Occasion — When and where was the primary source created? What is the historical context surrounding the creation of the document? How might this affect the meaning of the source?

Audience — For whom was the source created or performed? How might this affect the reliability of the source?
