**APPARTS- Analyzing Primary Source Documents**

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Understanding and analyzing primary source documents is an important skill for historians. The APPARTS method provides an acronym to assist in this process. Use the chart below as you analyze primary source documents in our class.

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| **A** | **Author**Who is the author or creator of the source? What do you know about the author? |  |
| **P** | **Place and Time**When and where was the source created? How might this affect the source? |  |
| **P** | **Prior Knowledge**What do you already know about this source of this subject? |  |
| **A** | **Audience**Who was the intended audience for this source? |  |
| **R** | **Reason**For what reason did the author create the source? What was the original purpose of the source? |  |
| **T** | **The Main Idea**What is the main idea of the document? |  |
| **S** | **Significance**What is the significance of the source? Why is it still important today? |  |

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