

ACTIVITY:

Analyzing Primary Sources Critically

ASSIGNMENT In teams, closely examine the materials assigned to you and answer the questions below. You can focus on several items, or on one particular item. Be prepared to share your answers to these questions with us.

DESCRIBE

- 1) What is the format of the item? Is it a newspaper article, an illustration, a photo, an object, a letter, a poster, a publication....?
- 2) What is the material that the item is made of?
- 3) Can you read the text? Are there illustrations? What do they represent?

INTERACT & INTERPRET

- 1) Who created the text/material?
- 2) Whose perspective is represented? Whose is missing (if any)?
- 3) What can you learn from the material?
- 4) How does this text/material relate to the subject of our course?

SEARCH & CITE

- 1) Using the Libraries' website, try to locate the Finding Aid for the collection your item is located in.
- 2) What additional information about your item did the Finding Aid provide?
- 3) What is the preferred citation for your item?

PRESENT

- 1) Introduce the text/material you have worked with and summarize what you have learned.
- 2) How does the source relate to the subject of the class?
- 3) Did you experience any challenges with the materials? If so, which?
- 4) What is your personal response to the source/sources?